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*The people along the sand*
*All turn and look one way.*
*They turn their back on the land.*
*They look at the sea all day.*

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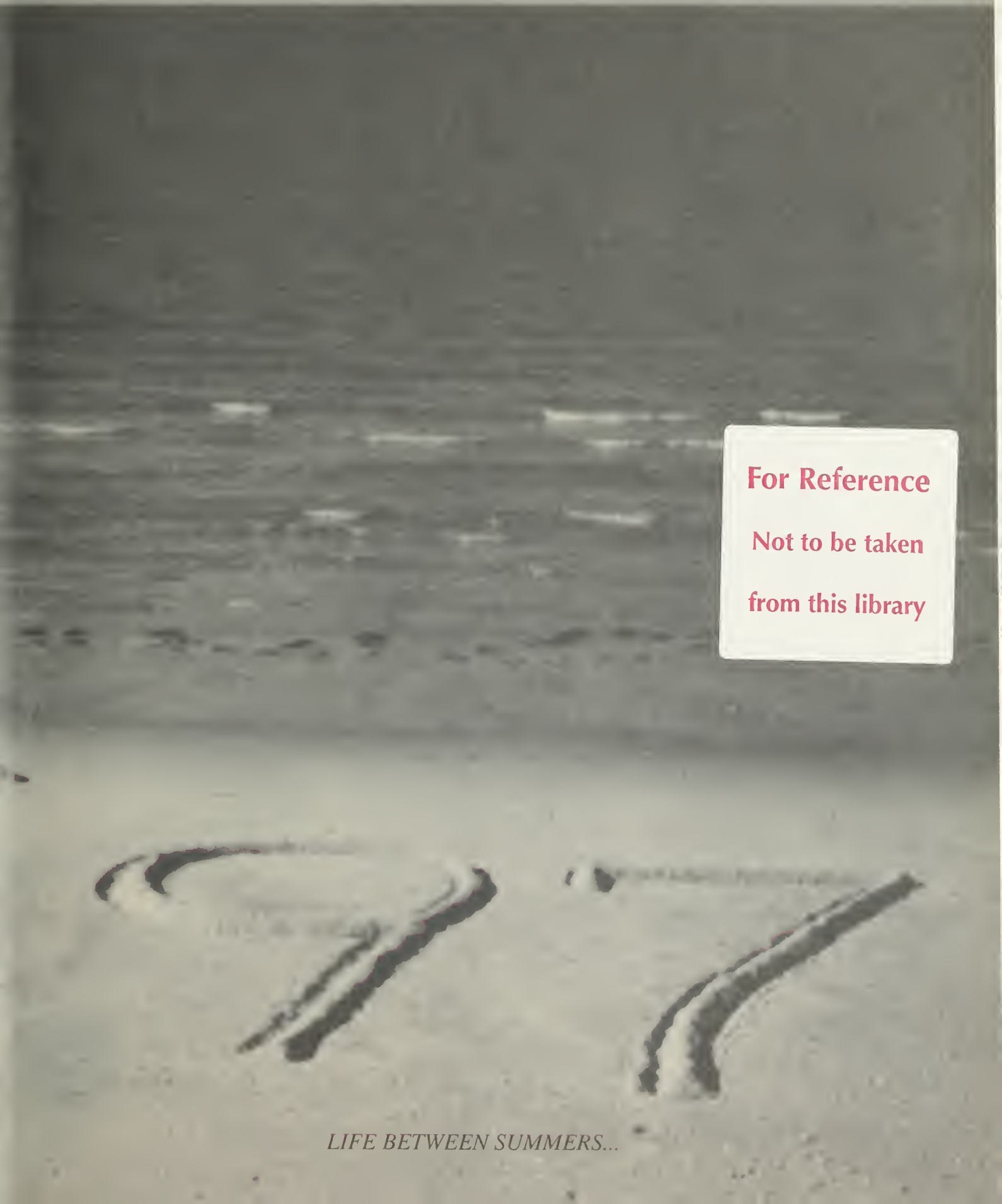

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*My Sorrow, when she's here with me,*
*Thinks these dark days of autumn rain*
*Are beautiful as days can be;*
*She loves the bare, the withered tree;*
*She walks the sodden pasture lane.*

*Her pleasure will not let me stay.*
*She talks and I am fain to list:*
*She's glad the birds are gone away,*
*She's glad her simple worsted gray*
*Is silver now with clinging mist.*

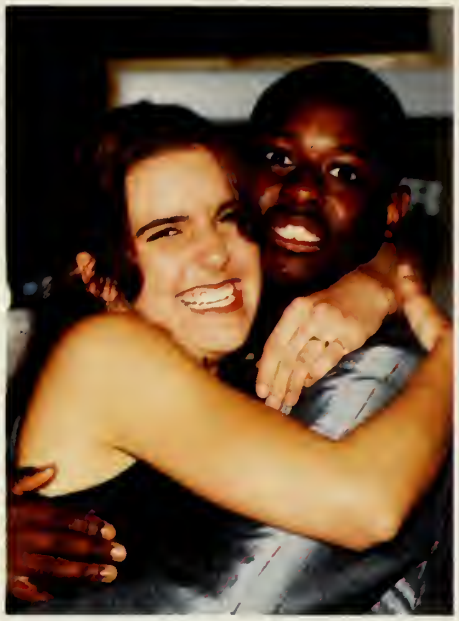
*The desolate, deserted trees,*
*The faded earth, the heavy sky,*
*The beauties she so truly sees,*
*She thinks I have no eye for these,*
*And vexes me for reason why.*

*Not yesterday I learned to know*
*The love of bare November days*
*Before the coming of the snow,*
*But it were vain to tell her so,*
*And they are better for her praise.*

*The pines hang dark by a little pond*
*Where the ice has formed in the night.*
*And the light in the west fades slowly out*
*Like a bird in silent flight.*
*The memory of the sun that's gone*
*Is only a glow in the sky,*
*And in the dusk beyond the trees*
*A figure is skating by.*

*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;*
*And give us not to think so far away*
*As the uncertain harvest; keep us here*
*All simply in the springing of the year.*

*Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,*
*Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;*
*And make us happy in the happy bees,*
*The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.*



*For this is love and nothing else is love,*
*The which it is reserved for God above*
*To sanctify to what far ends He will,*
*But which it only needs that we fulfill.*

# AEGIS 1997

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# DEDICATION

With every summer's end comes a bright, new September, and a new senior class to our school as well. It is a routine we know by heart. And as we settle ourselves, tweaking our schedules to yield as many lunch-block studies as possible, too late we wonder about organizing our Senior Picnic, too late we think about reserving a hall for the banquet in May. Too late because someone has already been busy making preparations: Mrs. Thompson's senior year has begun - again.

Along with her trusted co-advisor, Mr. Cooley, Mrs. Thompson has been guiding the fortunes and supervising the fetes of senior classes at ELHS for many years now. And although it may seem like old hat to her today, she still plans and participates in each event as if it were her first. There is always an aura of excitement about her room, with its boxes of graduation gowns, posters of the Prado and other foreign intrigues, where Don Quixote and Sancho Panza battle banquet menus and semi-formal tickets for attention across the cluttered desk. In fact, in every season of the year there is an air of expectation in room 113, and as the photographs of smiling graduates adorning the walls there might attest, Mrs. Thompson has always seen to it that those expectations are met. For this reason we dedicate Aegis '97 to her with love, and wish her all the best next September - when she begins another senior year.

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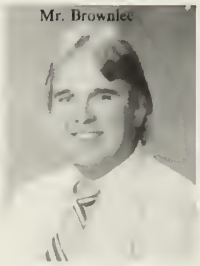
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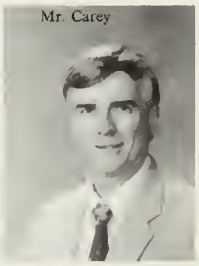
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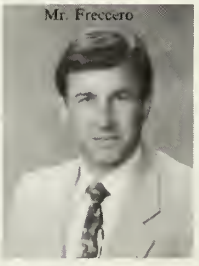
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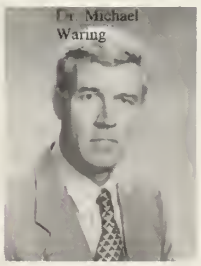
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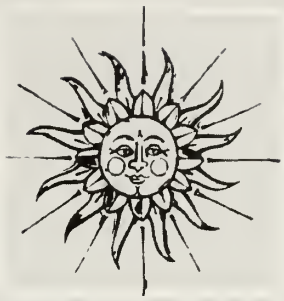


Life Between Summers

# SENIORS

## A Year In The Life . . .

## Lauren Albert

Powder Puff 4; Spartanum 4.
"We've been building the ship for years 'cause the river's made from tears. And now we're on our way, on our way. The sails are made from our dreams, there'll be better days downstream. And now we're drifting down the river of freedom. And now we're on our way, on our way. Please let our spirit last. We're raising up our mast. And now we're drifting down the river of freedom. On our way, on our way, on our way." -The Who Sara-The past four years have been full of laughter and tears. We've become so close and I know that'll never change. I want you to know one thing, though ... You'll always be a FREAK! Amanda-My sista! I have but one thing to say to you ... POOP!

## Tabitha N. Ames

Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 2; C.O.P.E. 1, 2; French Club 1, 2.
So many things left unsaid and undone, yet time goes on at a rapid pace. Today we look back to the past and forward to the future. And to all my friends-I know we've had a rough four years, and I'm glad things worked out. I'll never forget New Year's Eve or Halloween. I look at us now and think back to the group we used to have. It's unfortunate that so much happened the way it did. But today we should overcome our grudges and make the best of this. After this, who knows when or if we'll ever see each other again? Louise-I had a lot of fun this summer. Stay in touch and thanks for always being there for me.

## Jason J. Arasate

Spanish Club 3; Holocaust Study 3; Debate 4.
Where did the time go? It's unbelievable that our high school lives are over and a new chapter in our lives is about to begin. As we go our separate ways and begin the rest of our lives, it's important to remember where we came from. I suppose I could make a list of all the people I'd like to thank, but there are too many teachers and fellow classmates. You know who you are. As we move on and enter a new world, always believe in yourself. Don't give in. Some things will change, but we will always be the Class of 1997. Good luck!

## Jeffrey Atwater

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Skiing 2, 3, 4 (captain); French Club 2, 3, 4.
Thanks to everyone for a great four years and good luck to the Class of '97. Thanks to my parents and brothers; at least I won't have 90 minute classes. To all Red Sox fans who made fun of the Yankees-They finally made it to the World Series!

## Sara Auerswald

Powder Puff 4; Spartanum 4.
"Swing low, time to move on. Light years in time, ahead of our time. Free your mind, and come fly with me. It's hip, on the mother ship.' -George Clinton & P. Funk. Flower-You're the person who has stuck with me through all of the tears, laughter, and freakiest of moments. Just remember your the bestest friend in the whole wide world and you're a freak! Amanda-Hmmm ... POOP! Mrs. Cleavall-Thank you for helping me through these hard years. Mom and Dad-I love you. Thank you for always being there for me and helping me out, no matter what the problem might have been.

## Lynn M. Avezzie

Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Action Club 1, 2; Science League 1, 2, 3; Sonar 3; Spanish Club 2; Powder Puff 1, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain).
Graduating from high school is an accepted part of life, but that doesn't make it any easier. In a few short months we will all go our separate ways to find our own place in the "Real World." To my friends-Good luck and I will never forget any of you. Laura-Don't get stressed ... just remember cotton clouds and a smile will come. Carrie-Thanks for putting up with me (not that you have to). Kari and Sarah-I will never forget you or our girl bonding nights. Amanda-Swimming will never be the same (armpit). Good luck Class of 1997. "No one walks the road of life in sunshine all the time, there are pitfalls along the way, and mountains we must climb."

## Richard E. Baker

Football 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Powder Puff 1 (coach).
Things to remember: V.S.-"Prince", you were wrong once, "Basketball Diaries". S.S.-Someday you'll find your way around E.L. and ya, ya, Cap game! M.P.-Don't worry, we all make mistakes, chico! T.C.-The story of Brian and the WORM. M.L.-Ha! There's kids starting trouble at Countryside! A.O.-The world's biggest loser who could get away with it. T.L.-I'll never forget the couple of bucks you pitched in every weekend. To the football team-Two more Superbowls and we beat Longmeadow. Mom-It's not the end, it's only the beginning. Mom and Dad-Thanks for everything. Lastly, good luck to Brian, Jen, and Megs. To everyone else-Live your dreams!

## Emily Ann Bareiss

Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Rep. 4; Track 1; French Club 1, 2; Ziti Dinner; C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4; Latin Club 4; Spartanum 3, 4; Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 4.
"Yesterday's to remember, tomorrow's a mystery, so live in the present because today is a gift." Megan-"McAlgebra", late night talks, Flash, you got the guts! MISSION: POSSIBLE, Merci-De nada. Krista-Thanks for the advice, watching out for me, Snookers, concerts, and crazy nights. Head Ref-Don't fall, plenty of room. Chrissy-Bus buddy, thanks for listening, your cellar, Grease, Footloose, and "We are family." Kir-Barnowitz! You've kept my hopes up. We've solved everyone's problems. Good ideas: Friendly's, bowling, Falcons, and oldies. FH-Pasta dinners, hiking and sleepovers forever remembered. GOOD LUCK! Dave and Diane, neighbors and best friends-We've grown up together: summers, night jogs, trampoline, Party of Five, Top Gun. Thanks for being there. The Guys-You've made these years unforgettable. To my family-I love you and thanks. Good luck to the Class of '97!

## Gregory Bean

Soccer 1; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4.
Good luck to the Class of '97!

## Paul Beaulieu

Soccer 1, 2; Hockey 3; Baseball 2, 3; Cross Country 4; Model Congress 4; Sparantum 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3; Track 4.

It has been a good four years here at the high school. We have had our ups and downs, and through it all, everyone has survived. I'd like to thank my family and friends for being there; it made all the difference. I'd like to say good luck to my brother, I hope you have as much fun as I did. Please remember what the great Dark Helmet said, "Evil will always triumph, because good is DUMB!!"

## Dave Bednarz

Golf 1, 2; Hockey 2; Spanish Club 3.

Mom and Dad-I am taking this opportunity to thank you for your support and guidance through all my years of school. I may not have always liked it, but you helped it turn out for the better. THANK YOU. I also want to thank all my friends who kept my spirits high and supported me in my goals throughout high school. You guys kept me going and I am grateful for that. THANK YOU EVERYONE!

## Kyle Berard

Football 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Words Not Weapons 2, 3; Ziti Dinner.

Finally I can relax. I will not see many of you again and I can't say I'm sorry, but if you miss me, you can be sure that I miss you. Thanks for all the good times and the bad. Without you, I would not be who I am. Sincerely, K.B.

## Giovanni Giuseppi Berardi

I just want to say thank you to my parents for putting up with me and helping me through the hardest years of my life. Mr. Basile and Rino, my boys-These few years have been the best! I will remember you guys. Good luck next year. Christine-I love you. Thanks for being there. This past year will always be special to me. X-blocks were the best! Carrie-You're a good friend. Good luck to the Class of '97! What ya gonna do . . . ?

## Noah S. Berger

Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Newspaper 3, 4; Homeroom Rep. 4; Basketball 1; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Tutor 3; Aegis 2; Ziti Dinner.

"We all try to save time. Cutting corners, little short cuts. but no matter how much time you save, at the end of your life, there's no extra time saved up. You'll be going, 'What do you mean there's no time? I had a microwave oven, velcro sneakers, a clip-on tie. Where is that time?' But there isn't any. Because when you waste time in life, they subtract it. Like if you saw all the Rocky movies, they deduct that. So you've got to be careful. You can take a plane to Europe, but if they show Meatballs 4 on the plane, you're right back where you started from."-Jerry Seinfeld Good luck everyone, enjoy the ride!!!

## Jeffrey C. Bianchine

Jazz Band 3, 4; Drama 1, 2, 3 (director), 4; NHS 4; A.S.M.W. 3, 4 (captain); Mock Trial 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Newspaper 3, 4 (editor); EAC 1, 2; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Mock Trial 3, 4; Spartanum 3, 4 (director); French Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Is life just a game where we make up the rules while we're searching for something to say? Or are we just simply spiraling cords of self-replicating DNA?" -Monty Python Mike-Are you up for Wishcon 8? We seemed normal surrounded by freaks. Meghan-You can't take it with you. Don't even try. Chris-"These people are all sick; we have to get them to a hospital!" Nora-A dark catwalk can always use some Sunshine! Mich-Can you fix that stage light? Sue-Without you I'd have no one to fight with. Nick-La vie est comme une boite du chocolat. Vous ne savez jamais. Bill-At least two of us have a sense of humor. Parenting will be a breeze thanks to Luke. Jay-Well, little man, do you wanna start your life? Sorry we were so protective, but keep us in mind when you face a challenges. My family-Thanks for putting up with me. SLP's-KAOS Forever. M, M, and C-Fade to black . . . curtain.

## Megan Margaret Bianco

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 4; Powder Puff 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Swimming 2; Basketball 1; Key Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; AEGIS 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Ziti Dinner 1, 4; Drama Club 1; Office Aide 3; C.O.P.E Classic 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Life must be understood backwards, but . . . it must be lived forwards." -Soren Kierkegaard

Good jam and hazelnut coffee
Oh boie Hillie, with an "ie"
Sawyerbatuka-Got any cheese?
Proof good things do come in threes
Anyway, Dono, you get your pup.
Remembered forever, my PICS, hiccup!
Teammates, Goody and Rene, Garvey-His loss!
Arianabamos-Como estas?
Neffer, Ericka, Jessa, and Cori too! (I love you guys!)
Spartans-Best of luck! Thank you!

Emmy-You've always listened to me. Remember Piggin' Out, Friendly's Rush, MISSION: POSSIBLE. Gracias-beaucoup. Mom, Jess, Kyle, Mere, Chrissie, and Paul-Without you I wouldn't be who I am. Thanks. I love you all!

## Susan E. Black

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Ziti Dinner 4; Powder Puff 4; Spartanum 4; Homeroom Rep 4.

It feels like yesterday when we first met, now it's goodbye. In 4½ years I've made friends I'll never forget. Meg-Since my first day you were there for me. You've always done so much for me and listened even if I didn't want your opinion. Thanks. Hey, wanna go to Friendly's? Don't forget Florida. Jask-We've gone through too much. Thanks for filling the tub, but did you have to call Fazio's? Hi DAVE! Santina-Porter Rd., Shaker parking lot: What do they have in common? Abercrombie! Bethany-Where were you Friday? Anna-Tell me again, what do two hoochies make? Should I smile? We'll be roomies. Keep jammin'. Maria-Shotgun! Yeah right! Take a compliment! Silansky-Listen, you've got a distorted self-image. Mom, thanks for everything, especially these past few years. I'll miss you. Lisa and Debbie-You are my best friends! Sady!

## Kate Boggis

Soccer 1 2, 3, 4 (captain); Swimming I, 2, 3, 4; Cope Classic 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner 4.

"Some of it's tragic, but through it all I've had a good time.'-J. Buffett MC-Eat another CB! KMM HA! Alarms, Get up, Maggie! TC-You never can get enough! Concert duos (C+F), burnt finger. BS-(18 yrs of friendship) soccer, midnight trips, strawberries, anyone? SC-Blondes have more fun! Noah's trunk, Countryside, MS. MC, MM-It wouldn't have been the same without you! To the Guys (J, N, M, M, MS, S, TR, B)-I'll never forget the great times we've had. To the soccer team and Mr. Gonsalves-You've made these four years unforgettable. Good luck next year! Mom and Dad-Thanks for all the love and support you've given me. Ken and Gerry-Thanks for looking out for me! Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Lynn Borowiec

Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Key Club 1, 2 (treasurer), 3, 4; the Baton Twirler 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Rep.; Office Aide 3; Powder Puff 1, 4; Ziti Dinner; Cope Classic 3, 4; Spartanum 4.

I can't believe how quickly the years have gone by. Thank you for the laughs, great times, and all the memories. I will never forget them. Chrissy-the best friend ever, reverse! Fenway P-N-P, pizza man. Thanks for the advice, excitement, and always bringing out the best in me. Noah-Thanks for putting up with me! "All of my love to you!" Mom, Dad, Bubba-You are the best family in the world; thank you for helping me achieve my goals and dreams. Even though I don't show it as much as I should, I love you! Congrats and good luck to the Class of '97. I love you all and I will always write big! "Don't be afraid to care; leave but don't leave me; look around and choose your own ground; for long you'll live and high you'll fly; and smiles you'll give and fears you'll cry; and all you touch and all you see; is all your life will ever be." -Pink Floyd

## David Bourbeau

Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Soccer 3; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Office Aid 2, 3; Spanish Club 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 4; Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner; Project Lifework 4.

"There are places I'll remember all my life, though some have changed. Some forever, not for better; some have gone, and some remain. All these places had their moments, with lovers and friends. I still can recall. Some are dead and some are living. In my life I've loved them all. But of all these friends and lovers, there is no one who compares with you. And these memories lose their meaning when I think of love as something new. Though I know I never lose affection for people and things that went before, I know I'll often stop and think about them. In my life I'll love you more.' -J. Lennon, P. McCartney To all my boys and girls-I'll be there whenever you need me. I mean it. Keep in tough. I love you all.

## Darnell Boyd Jr.

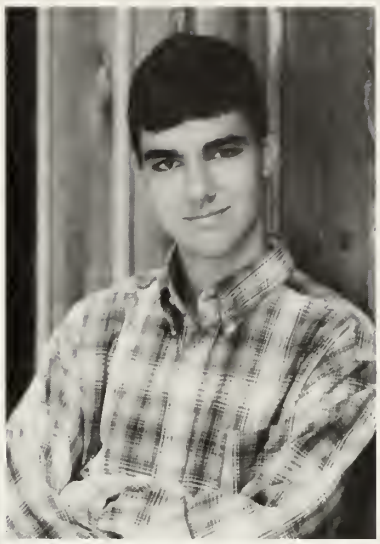
Football 1, 3, 4; Spartanum 4.

I would like to thank my parents and teachers for putting up with me for these four long years. To all my pookies and frothy friends-We've had some great times and now it's time to move on and finally get an education. I'll miss you all, but I'm sure we'll keep in touch. Half Pint-I love you! -Darnell Boyd Jr. (A.K.A. Pookie) Good luck, Class of 1997!

## Daniel D. Brassard

Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Mock Trial 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Powder Puff 3; Debate 2; Drama Club 4.

The end is finally here, and I still don't know what to expect. If these are the best years of our lives, then what's next? Well, I suppose I have plenty of time to think about that later. As for now, I want to thank everyone who helped me along the way-my family for always being behind me, and my friends for always being there. I don't know what I would have done without you.



## Thomas Brennan

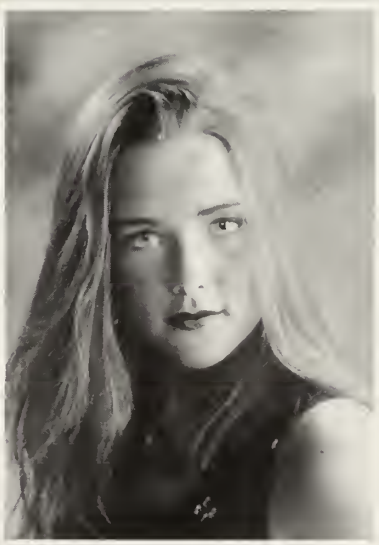
Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2; Ziti Dinner.

The past four years have flown by. It seems like just yesterday we were walking in the school's front doors as little, lost freshmen, but as fast as they may have gone, I must say that they have been fun. Thank you to all my friends and classmates for making these the best four years of my life. Good luck in the future and remember just be happy no matter what life tries to do to you. Dan-Remember, we're on a mission from God.

## Michelle Brown

French Club 1, 2; Basketball 2.

Well, it's finally over. I am very grateful for the few individuals I have met over the past four years. Anna-You're the best, and you're definitely the most original and coolest person I have ever met. Maria-I love you, too. Tony-You're the greatest, and you gave me the confidence to make it through. I love you, and don't forget about the chunky stuff. Amy-You are so special, and don't let these carbon copies tell you different. Mom and Dad-I can never thank you enough for what you have done for me.



## John "Jay" Burke III

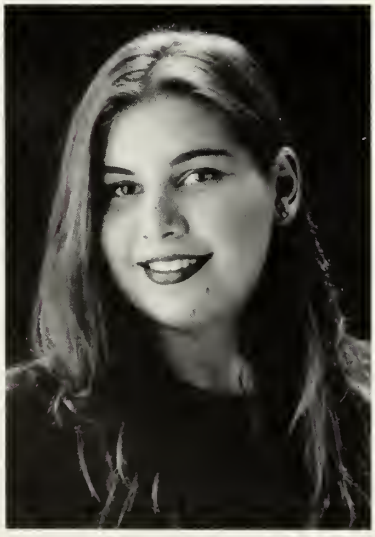
Baseball 1, 2 (manager); Basketball 1, 3 (manager); Soccer 1, 2, 3; Tennis 3, 4; A.S.M.W. 3, 4; Mock Trial 2, 3, 4; Newspaper 2, 3, 4 (co-editor-in-chief); NHS 3, 4 (secretary); French Club 1, 2 (treasurer), 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Aegis 3; RYLA 2; Model Congress 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4.

"But If someone really cared, they'd take the time to spare a moment to try and understand another one's despair. Remember in this game we call life that no one said it's fair." Bill-You're the best friend a guy could have. We always had a good time and always will. Thanks for being there. John-You're always there to make me laugh. Thanks for laughing with me. JC-Thanks for listening. Matt-What rocks? Chris, Tom, Mike-We always had fun together. It's sad it can't last forever. Krista-Promise you'll always keep your beautiful smile. It makes everyone else smile, too. It was Good .... Kirsten, Emily, Michelle, Chrissy-It's been fun. You'll never be forgotten. "You, my friend, I will defend and if we change, well, I'll love you anyway."

## Brendan C. Butler

Soccer 1.

My four years here have been interesting, to say the least, but my good friends have been with me the whole time and I want to thank them. Evitts-You're a great guy and a good book dealer. Miller-You, too, have always been there, even though you two are both Republicans. Steve-I still owe you $250 for whenever you want it. Duprey-Just stay yourself. Foisy-My chauffeur and fellow world traveler. Johnson and Steph-I still say the Fish-Bowl needs a shark. Steph and Kat-21 is too young. High school is gone and college is coming. Que sera sera and peace out '97.



## Heather Campbell

C.O.P.E. Classic 1; Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 4.

Taryn-I know that things will never be the same with us again, but we will always have great memories. Colleen-I know we've drifted apart, but I want you to know I'll always be here for you. Don't ever change. Kristen-Where are we goin' for lunch? Nicole-She wants the LARGE! You guys are great and I'm glad that we became friends. Sara-Remember the criminal days at CVS? Remember cheese fries at Joan Jett? I know we aren't close, but I'm glad we are still friends. To the class-We all have memories of these past four years that will never fade. I wish you all the best of luck in whatever you do.

## Maggie Elizabeth Campbell

Powder Puff 1, 4; Ziti Dinner; French Club 1, 2; Spartanum 4.
Kate-I'll never leave your pizza burning! Totally 80's man! 525 . . . . ! You're the best! Tiffany-But it's your birthday! No more running into buoys! Keep smiling, Comet! I luv ya! Brienne-Yeah, yeah, what she said with a little get the . . . . outta here! Sarah-My security light and cat making parrot noises! The long talks about our men were great! Marisa-But this isn't a party! The people under the stairs. Luv ya! Megan-Longmeadow Big Y rules! Mikaela-Maliki, pen pal. Landscaping trucks and Blue Ink babies! Stay out of trouble! Bimmer-Thanks for making the past two years the most memorable. To my family-Thanks for everything! I love you! To all the guys-Have another one!

## Anna Cardaropoli

Cross Country 1; Softball 1, 2; Field Hockey 2, 3, 4; Track 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Key Club 1; Environmental Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 2; C.O.P.E. Classic 4; Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 3, 4.
We finally made it! Michelle-Thanks for everything! We will always be the best two tootsie rolls in the bag. Susan-WATCH OUT Kathy Smith! You've always been there for me through good and freaky times. Thanks. Santina-Did you know? Wanna go find my math book again? Bethany-#1 dancing bud! Samantha-"S" guy lover. Andrea-"Right on top of that Rose!" Kirsten-Swancrossing! Field Hockey-Believe! Ms. Lussier-EVIL! Thanks for sharing your talents with me. Maria-Love ya! Double Trouble! Scar-Always be yourself and you can achieve anything. Ant and Al-Opposites attract. Mom and Dad-Thanks for putting up with me. Love ya! Class of 1997-Hope all your dreams come true. Keep jammin'!

## Maria A. Cardaropoli

Cross Country 1; Field Hockey 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 3, 4:
To all of my friends-You gave me memories that I will treasure forever. Santina-Got cables? Susan-Did you? Really? Catch a tune! Beth-Where did you go with the scooter? Samantha-A "B" "D" Bikers! Andrea-Wet dog A----! Kirsten-BARNOWITZ! Cori-How's that screen door? Field Hockey-Remember to kick some bootie! Ms. Lussier -I have a place in my heart for you and field hockey. Thank you. Anna-Keep on dancing! Carla-Stay sweet and don't change for anyone. Good luck in school. Antoinette and Al-Luv you two. Mom and Dad-Without you I wouldn't be the person I am today. Thank you for everything. I love you. Strive to the top, 1997! Best wishes.

## Cori Cassidy

Aegis 1, 2, 3, 4 (editor); Band 1, 2, 3, 4 (section leader); Model Congress 3, 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Track 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Class President 2; Honor Society 4.

To the Class of '97-Thank you for making my high school years so memorable. I wish you the best of luck in the future. E.V.-I'm sorry about this summer. I still love you. Mo matter where we are, I'll always think of you as my best friend. Maria-I've known you for so long! Thanks for all the great memories and breaking my screen door. Megan-Wow, where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday we had no worries. Now we're both worrying about you-know-what. D.J.-What can I say? We've been through so much and I still love you. Thanks for putting up with me and all my fits of madness. Don't be a stranger in the future. I'll miss you too much. The yearbook staff-You're all a big pain in my butt. Thanks for everything, Marty! I'll miss you all next year.

## Asha Chander

Aegis 4; Tutor 4.

To my family-Thanks for being there for me and for giving me encouragement when I needed it. Thanks Mom for listening to all the crazy stuff that I have done. Hey Sis-Enjoy the rest of your school years. Good luck. These four years have been some of the best and most memorable times of my life. Last but not least, my friends from India-I miss you a lot. I love you all and will love you in the years to come.

## Santina Nicole Chiusano

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Office Aide 1; Homeroom Rep. 4; Aegis 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Ziti Dinner 1, 4; Basketball 1.

Andrea-From braces to the prom, we've been through it all. I love u, Bambi! Beth-Want to laugh uncontrollably tonight? Whistle me poo, Nikki-Your wedding will be beautiful. Katink! Christine-Don't laugh. When you laugh, I laugh. Kev-The times with you was our movie. I give it 4 stars. Sam J-Dan's bunny farm. Oh my God. Jen-Dance time. She's butt. Angie-Shotgun. Sue-Parking lots, open fields. Anna and Maria-The tower. Ericka P-Mad dog daytrips. Mariel-I'd eat five Big Macs for you. Thanks for the moments. Jackie-yeah, it happened. We think the same. Meg, Gina, Linds-Give us a video camera and see what develops. Mooki, Nella, Disa, Icky, Kendi, Coolidge, Garv-I'll miss you guys. to all of the above-You know where to find me. Peter-I owe you, but the best thing you gave me was something you didn't have to buy. Mom, Sha, APink, Nana, Joe, RJ, Pooch, Ant, Josh, Dad, UB, UR, Mom-Go to sleep. It's over. Love, Shum.

## Thomas Dale Christensen

Soccer 1, 2, 3; Hockey 1, 2; Key Club 4; Homeroom Rep. 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Ziti Diner 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Spartanum 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4.

It's over, finally. I'd like to say thanks to all my friends, especially: MS-Phish Rules! 64 in a 30. SS-Let's go in the doghouse. MP-Thanks for the punch in the eye. RD-You got my beeper number. RB-Jimmy Buffet. TL-The Terrible Tempo 2 7/8. VS-The Lunatic in my head. ML-I still like the Nova better. AO-Can we come over? PW-There's the fox. JM-Bench Crew. Special thanks to Mom, Dad, Matt, Drew, Dan, James, and Max. I couldn't have done it without you. I hope you're ready to spend 10 grand on me next year. Ha, Ha. "A wise man is mightier than a strong man. Wisdom is mightier than strength." -Proverbs 24:5

## Mikaela Christy

Ziti Dinner 4; Spanish Club 1; Powder Puff 1, 4.

Marisa-Well, we finally made it through another year as best friends. You're the best! Don't ever change (unless it's to hang out more). I love ya! Alicia-Well, we finally made it, it just took you a little longer. I'm proud of ya. I didn't think you'd do it. Good luck with Pat. You rock! Maggie-What's wrong with him? What's wrong with you? Thanks for the hand signals. Mom and Dad-Thanks for putting up with me! I love you!

## Daniel Cimini

"Life seems to pass by like a warm summer day." To all my friends, thank you for being there, especially Ellen. I will remember all of you forever. You know who you are. Barrett-Just think of the great soda heist.

## Nicole Ciocca

Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Ziti Dinner 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 4.

Class of 1997-It's been a memorable four years. I can't believe they are over, but even though it feels like the end, it's really just the beginning. Now is the time to follow dreams and realize your goals. Go to new places and meet new people, but never forget the friends and memories you've made at E.L.H.S. To all my close friends-Thanks for making these past years unforgettable. You've filled me with memories of times, both good and bad, that we have shared. I know our special friendships will never change. Mom, Dad, and Chris-I'll miss you guys next year. Thanks for all your love and support. Good luck and congratulations, Class of '97!

## Sarah Clark

Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Powder Puff 4.

Fany-I couldn't ask for anything more in a B.F.; you're a sweetie! Thanks for everything. I LOVE YA' ... "Don't move to Kentucky", The foursome, sneaking out, G Shack, Twizzlers in Mom's bed, TMSMC, Wendy's. Kate-Blondes have more fun! Countryside, falling into bushes, Noah's trunk. Maggie-Your sensor light and the parrot sounds your cat makes, have you ever laughed so hard? Countryside. Brienne-Hey, TMSMC rules! Ha, ha! J/K. Mel-"Hey Penguin-it's a chinclip!" Never forget good old Twin Hills. Marisa-"There's my hubcap!" Guys, it's been real! I'm so glad I came back for my senior year to graduate with all my buddies. Mom and Dad-I love you. You're the best! Kathy & Ken-Thank you. Good luck Class of '97!

## Sarah R. Cloutier

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 3.

To my family-Thank you for always being so supportive of me! Kari-There are so many thinks to say, yet I don't know where to begin. We've been through so much but we still remain close and I know that will always to true. To all my close friends-Don't forget that night in the basement, slurpees, trips to Riverside, Tiger's accident, nights in the camper, and all the other good times we've had together. To the cheerleaders-We've been through a lot and I think you're all really great. To my family, the squad-I want you all to know that I love you all and will miss you dearly so keep in touch always! To the Class of '97-Excel in everything you do and always be happy!

## Christopher J. Conway

Soccer 1, 3, 4; Skiing 3, 4; Powder Puff 2, 4; Ziti Dinner.
I look back on the past few years as the best years of my life. Staz-"I can't believe it's not the butlers!" The strange light in the sky on the mountain. Mike-Florida, the woods, the UMass! Jim-Thanks for sleeping in my tent. The snow at your house was cold. Gwar-Your cottage was memorable. Noah-Got any K.B., man? Dons-STCC around! Perr-Say hi to Gordon for me. Tiffany-I'd like to thank you for making these last two years the best, for keeping my head on straight after the Wahconah game, and all the other memories. Finally, I'd like to thank my family for sticking with me and believing in me. Good luck to the soccer team and thank God for special education.

## Meghan Coughlin

C.O.P.E. 1, 2; Softball 2 (manager).
It seems like yesterday that we started out as freshmen. Good luck to the Class of '97. Best of luck in the future. I will never forget you, Class of '97!!!

## Michele M. Croze

French Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (president); Drama Club 1, 2 (president), 3, 4; Aegis 4; Lit Mag 3, 4 (keyboarding editor); Debate Team 4; Science League 2, 3, 4; EAC 1, 2, 3 (member-at-large), 4 (chair person); Office Aide 1; NHS 3, 4.
I can't believe we're seniors! Thank you Mom and Dad for being there for me all these years. Marci-Two more years! Keep up the good work! There are so many great people who have made a difference in my life! Meg-Sparky bit me! Pam-What about mom? Thelma-Thanks for carting my butt around. You're great! Someday I'll get my license. Beth and Zyta-Keep typing! (If the computers work). Nick-It's been a blast. Don't forget to write. I wish I could include everyone in this! I'm going to miss all of you! To the Class of 1997-Good luck and have a great life!

## Tiffany L. Cunningham

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Skiing 3; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2.

To my family-Thanks for everything! I love you! Sarah-Clarke, my best friend! Kentucky, There's her hubcap, twizzlers. Thanks for the Maine men! Kate-Too many men, too little time. Double dates, burned finger, sprained ankles, falling in tires, Chris and Fred, concerts. Brienne "Crash" Smith-Thanks for all the car accidents, Tiffany B. and Mr. Ed. Maggie-Fire! Run next time! Chris-Martini's, Phish, James Taylor, banquet, semi's, parties. Call me sometime; we'll have breakfast at Tiffany's. I love you, Kissyfur! Megan-The beach. Mikaela-ST. Marisa-There's your hubcap! To the guys-I love you all. Have another! A special thanks to Mrs. Cleavall and the softball and field hockey teams. Keep winning! To the Class of 1997-Keep smiling!

## Tammy DelNegro

French Club 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 2, 3; COPE 2; Band 1, 3, 4; Environmental Action Club 3, 4; Project Lifework 4.

Jenn-We've become great friends. Hopefully he won't bother you next year! Good luck with dancing. I hope I will see you in Florida. Melissa-We've become good friends in a short time. No more short jokes! I don't think I'm going to get that growth spurt. I'll always "cheat." Jill-Remember that guy at the mall? You'll know it if you ever see him again. Kate-Even though we didn't get together a lot we always have geometry (ugh!) and gum. I'll miss you guys, you're the best! Good luck to the Class of '97. Graduation is here. Now we're going our separate ways. It seems like it's too soon. Follow your dreams and I'll see you at the reunions!

## Nora Elizabeth Dillon

Soccer 1, 2; Track 1, 2; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2; French Club 3, 4; Newspaper 3, 4; Lit-Mag 3, 4 (editor); Drama Club 2, 3, 4; E.A.C. 1, 2; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; S.O.N.A.R. 3; Ziti Dinner 4.

"We were just happy freaks, man."-J. Garcia. Penelope and DUDE-you will survive (in a junky monkey going 25 fending for sequalies!) Ima-Ace is the Place, Mr. "Insensitive," Sir James will never forget (your "great" driving!) Rasputant (the petite mutant). To my meatless hamburger-If you could have lunch with anyone, it'd have to be a freak from the Fink Dimension or an overweight Chinese tamale (all in the mighty Bubble of course). Or maybe a lil' squirt. But you're a rock, Mary Jo, the Prudential! I'm a better driver. Karen-it adds character! Superlewis! Greg-Seniors and still friends? (Please don't beat me!) Just how many licks did it take again? In a Greg submarine?! Kiley-Hee hee! Punky loves them kiwis and always will (but Mr. Clean doesn't!), my very best friend. "I'd like to be, under the sea, in an Octopus Garden with you." Heavy sigh.

## Bryan Doe

Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4, Spartanum 4, Golf 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Key Club 4.
"The spark of life is to be accepted as a sacred trust to be transmitted, undimmed to future generations." - Eddie Vedder To the Buh .. kil ... crew: This year was the best except for a couple Bu ... kil .. backfires. Those nights of doing absolutely nothing except driving around for hours. Bickfords, Denny's, and the drive thru's of countless restaurants. Ultimate fighting, spidy, fru ... ba ..., stock the C.L. and sing-a-longs. Becca: We have had the best times these past few years. Hopefully we'll never forget those good times we've had. I'll never forget you. Hey, no more swimming after dark. Spen: Good luck in your next two years; you'll need it. Chris: Have fun next year, and with hockey.

## Ryan Donovan

Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2, 4.
"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." -Mohammed Ali I want to say thanks to all my friends for making my high school years ten times better. Also thanks to Mrs. Cleavall, Mrs. Callahan, and Mrs. Ulich for helping me with my homework and tests for the past four years. Last, I want to say, "Ya flinched, that's two punches."

## Anthony Drummond

Soccer 2, 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2; Volleyball 4.
My high school years have been fun, and I just want to thank some friends. Doc-You've always been there for me to pick on and I appreciate it. Jester-We've stayed cool through fights and falling-outs. I'm glad we didn't drift apart. I would also like to thank my mom for being there and helping me out with pretty much everything. And finally: Kari-What can I say? High school would have been impossible without you. These past years have been the best of my life and it's because we met.

## Sara Dube

To my family-Thanks for everything! I probably wouldn't have made it without you! I love you, Mom, for putting up with me! Kari-Thanks for everything. MB-'96 was phat, of course! Heather-Sorry for getting you in trouble, but we did have some fun times! To everyone else . . . Good luck! Hope your senior year was a good as mine! "I'll see you on the dark side of the moon." -Pink Floyd

## Jeffery Duprey

For many years my parents and relatives have believed in me. They never doubted me or my abilities. When kids made fun of me or teachers said I couldn't do it, my family was behind me 100%. My friends also stood behind me all the way. When I wasn't popular, they didn't care. They were still my friends. We partied until we dropped, but the year is coming to an end. We'll be going our separate ways when we graduate, but we'll still keep in touch. I'd like to thank them for trying to find me dates because I didn't have the guts to ask them out myself. Oh yeah! Just one more thing. Old Country Buffet rules!

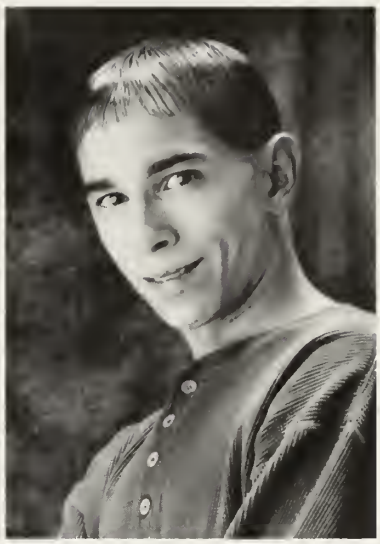
## Melissa Lee Dusza

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3; Key Club 1, 3, 4; Softball 1; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 1; Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4.

It seems like yesterday we were "little' freshmen and now we are "big" seniors and it's time to say goodbye. Doney-You're like a sister to me. We've been through a lot since diapers. Watch out for mailboxes! Stevens-What have you done to me? Thanks for everything. Keep flinging Frosties! Alyssa-So many memories: carni, nicknames, hotstepper dance. You're a great friend. Remember, no jailbirds! Kristy-Stupid! You always hear the wrong things. Driving around was worth it! Don't change! Bryan-Hey geek! I'll miss our chats! Keep boogieing to YMCA! Cheerleaders-It's been fun. Keep up and good work! April-You're a great little sister and a best friend. Thanks for listening. Good luck in your last years at ELHS. Mom and Dad-Thanks for putting up with me. I couldn't have made it without you. I love U! Good luck to the Class of '97! I'll miss you all!

## Sean Edwards

Hockey 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 4; Powder Puff 4; Ziti Dinner 4.
These past few years have flown by. They would've been much slower and more challenging without help from my friends. Thanks guys! We've had a lot a of great times and there are many more to come. My parents deserve the most credit; they never let me settle for just passing and I tremendously appreciate that! Some of the credit has to go to my brothers, though, for letting me know when I was wrong. You guys are all right. I'd also like to thank the hockey team and my teachers for making this the most memorable four years of my life. Good luck and best wishes to the Class of '97.



## Korinne E. Esposito

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2; Tennis 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 4; Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 3, 4; C.O.P.E. 3, 4; E.A.C. 3, 4; Drama Club 1, 3, 4; Aegis 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 3, 4.
"A rolling stone gathers no moss." -Jimi Hendrix Sue-When a problem comes along you must whip it! We've shared a friendship that'll last forever: sixth grade, AP Chem, cruising E.L. (D.L.?), we've done it all. Remember, I'm always here. Pam-What, your mom? Corbs, Red-Your grandma! Clarinet buddies! Lynn-Mario! To my weekend posse-Victory is ours! Rock on! W.M.-It's been great being your best bud! See you in the window and stay on the trail. The Fam-Thanks for everything. I love you guys. Best of luck to the Class of '97! "And as we wind on down the road, our shadows taller than our souls, how everything still turns to gold. And if you listen very hard, the tune will come to you at last; when all are one and one all, to be a rock and not to roll." -Led Zeppelin

## Michael Evitts

Debate 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis always; Newspaper 3, 4; Science League 2, 3; Lit Mag 3, 4; E.A.C. 1, 2, 3.
Mom, Dad, Tim, and Hayley-Thank you for all of your time, effort, patience, and love. To the rest of you fools, I will now try to fit four years of experiences into a few words. Steve and Pete-Keep on randomizing. Jeff-Wishcon to fancon to the future and beyond. Butler, JR.-Do you still have my book? Briggsy (best)-Do you smell a smell? Remember the Milano Files, you egomaniac. Mr. Lewis-Where are the negatives? Give in to the dark side. Joe-Our debates shall live in infamy. L.G., L.M., C.M.-O'Jablonski rules! Greg-From the problem of the day to written opportunities, we'll never win. M.A.-42, and white mice. C.C.-King Phylum Tweety-Tweet! To the rest of you-Yadda, yadda, yadda, blah, blah, blah. (A.W., E.W., L.S., E.J., J.R., J.K.A., you know the drill). Inga-What are you, retarded? Stand up for your president! Fight, fight fight! Written by Anne Wagner.

## Jennifer Falk

Good luck to the Class of '97!

## Steve Fazio

Wrestling 1, 3, 4 (captain); Baseball 1; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Rep 4; Spartanum 4.
"In the days of my youth I was told what it means to be a man. Now I've reached that age and I've tried to do all those things the best that I can." -Led Zepplin To all my friends at ELHS who have helped me become the person I am today-THANKS! It's been real fun chillin' at the STAZIO pad. I'll never forget the memories we have together. "The sun is the same in a relative way but you're older, shorter of breath and one day closer to death!"-Pink Floyd. "Life is a journey not a destination. Travel, experience life and enjoy, for one day your ticket will run out." -Me. Remember: "Every little thing's gonna be alright now."-Bob Marley. To the Class of '97 - What a long, strange trip it's been!

## Melanie Ferris

Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.
We've finally made it and it's been a fun four years. Lisa-You taught me to shop and have been a great friend. Good luck in college and stay in touch. Amanda-Scalawags rule and so does Dlanor Nizaras. We had a good time and I hope you do the same in college. Nicole-CCD was great and so were Old Navy trips. Thanks for always brightening up my day and don't forget that standards rule! Dannie S.-It's been fun ranking on you. Good luck next year! Jen-Birchland was fun but there's one more thing to say: Art, art, art! To my family-You've been great! Good luck to the Class of 1997!

## Kathryn Fitzgerald

Mrs. Cleavall-Thanks for helping me through my high school years. I wouldn't have made it without you. Kristen-We have been through a lot, but no matter what, we will always be best friends. Shotgun-I will never tell. Jess-It's been a great four years. Thanks for always being there for me. Jams-Get out! I hope you were there again. Sarah-English class was fun - getting into trouble without you won't be the same. Austin, Sean-Bickford's and Wednesday were a blast. Cindy-You are the only one who believes in me. Thanks for everything. Thanks Dad and Mom-I told you I could graduate.

## Joseph Fogarty

Drama 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 4; SONAR 3.

"There was a message written in pencil on the tiles by the roller towel. This was what it said: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE? Kilgore Trout plundered his pockets for a pen or pencil. He had an answer but nothing to write with. So he left the question unanswered, but this is what he would have written: TO BE THE EYES AND EARS AND CONSCIENCE OF THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE, YOU FOOL." -Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Every one of you thinks they are going to be something in life. But you're wrong. I doubt more than 1 out of 200 people can become prosperous at all in their miserable existence, but I'm sure I'll be that one person.

"Merry Christmas to all!" -Mr. Rogers

"Skateboarding kicks butt!" -E.O. Templeton

## Ellen Fois

Field Hockey 1; Spartanum 2; Key Club 1.

Good luck to the class of '97. Thank you Cori, Lynn, Nicole, and everyone else for making these four years fun. Never forget our memories and keep in touch. Dan-I will never think of high school without thinking of you. I wouldn't have made it without you. I love you all. Good luck in the future.

## Eric Foisy

Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; French Club 2; Hockey 4.
Good luck to the Class of '97. I would also like to thank my friends who have been by my side for these past four years.

## John Follit

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 4; Ziti Dinner; Baseball 2, 3; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 3, 4.
Mom and Dad-Thank you for always encouraging me. I love you both. Jay-You ain't so special, so who you foolin'? Tom-Too much thinking! Tos-Pork chop? Bill-Say "hi" to Uncle Mike. Matt-Baseball and Slimjims. Mike-What's up, kid? Emmy-You're the sweetest girl I know; don't change. Kirsten-G'N'F'N'R forever. Chrissy-Thanks for all the advice. Mich-Thanks for being there . . . auditorium? Krista-We've been through a lot; thanks for listening (sometimes). I'll never forget you. My friends (you know who you are)-Memories have been made that I'll never forget, and these four years have been a blur. But, "If you need a shoulder, or if you need a friend, I'll be here standin' until the bitter end . . ." -A. Rose

## Heather Forni

Work Study 4.
Kari-Remember Nature's Classroom!!! We've been through a lot of fights, but we always seem to make up. Hope we stay friends forever. Keep readin'. Sara-What can I say? You're one of a kind. Thanks for gettin' me in trouble; it's been fun. Friends forever. Joey-Thanks for being the best friend and boyfriend anyone could ask for. No matter what happens we'll always be friends, I love you. Mom and Dad-You are the best parents anyone could have. Thanks for the support. I'm glad we're so close and that I can talk to you about anything. Without you I never would have made it. You've always been there for me. I love you with all my heart. Erica and Matt-Hope you have fun at E.L.H.S. Good luck. Thanks for being such brats. Love you.

## Andrea Gagnon

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2; Key Club 1, 2, 4 C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 4.
"I will walk alone by the black muddy river and dream me a dream of my own. When it seems like the night will last forever and there's nothing left to do but count the years. When the strings of my heart start to sever and stones fall from my eyes instead of tears, I will walk alone by the black muddy river and dream me a dream of my own." -Grateful Dead
Christine-Accidents happen. Wanna get . . .? Jen-Chick peas, B.J., Steve M. Sambina-Noodles, Cameras, Summer '95. Santina-Shotgun! Beth-Wad o' Bread. Bob-Good luck next year. Kevin-Korn! Jackie-Hang in there kid. Kim-Be careful next year. I love you. Tony and Joey-Don't grow up too fast. I love you boys. Mom and Dad-Thanks for everything.

## Peter Gallagher

Cross Country 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4.
When you look back at the whole picture, it's been a good ride. It's an experience completely unique to this school and its students. It's also an experience I'd like to have all over again. If you're looking for something that's missing in life, remember one thing: Have fun!

## Alfonso Gioiella

Cross Country 1; Soccer 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
This is it; senior year is here and now it's almost over. It has been a fast four years, and they have been fun. The first people I would like to thank are my mother, father, my sister, Carmela, and my family for all the support they gave me, even though I was always hard-headed about everything, especially school. Thank you for always being there for me. I would also like to thank all my friends for being there. We had fun; good luck in college and in the real world. I would especially like to thank my best friend, Nick Yacavone. Thanks for always being a good friend and even though we did stupid things, we still had fun doing them. I hope our friendship never ends. Keep in touch. See ya. Good luck to the Class of '97!

## Lora Glica

Softball 1; Office Aide 1.
I want to thank the people who have helped the most, especially certain teachers (you know who you are), but the one who gets the award is my mother. Mom-You have helped me so much. I just want to say thank you for all that we have been through. Laura-Things were great, especially our sophomore year. Let's keep the memories alive. For all of my other friends-Let's keep in touch. It's been a blast!

## Jeremy Gold

To all my friends at E.L.H.S.-It's been a great four years. The big day off was awesome. Trans Ams rule. Graduation time is here, and high school is over. Hope to see you guys later. Good mosh pitting to you all!

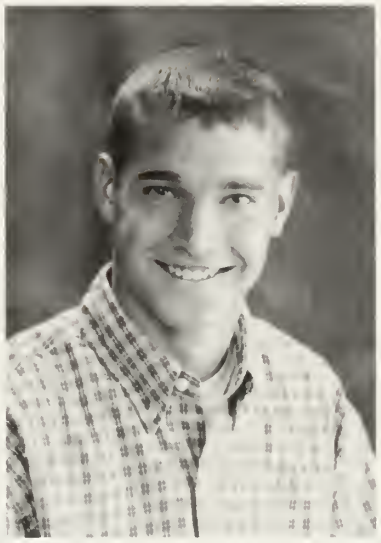
## Jim Goodwin

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner.
To all my friends in the Class of '97-Thanks for everything and good luck in the future. April and Kate-It all goes by too fast. Be sure to make the best of it. To my parents-Thanks for putting up with me for so long. To the girls-You are the best. It wouldn't have been the same without you. Staz, Conway, Maruca, Wheeler, Gwar, and the Don-We've had so many good times together. I'll never forget them. Don't waste your talent, and always keep your minds open.

## Matthew Gour

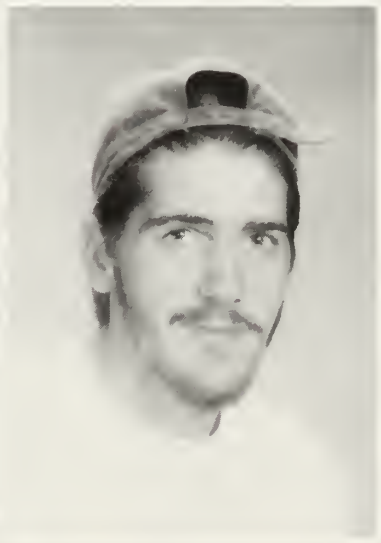
Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4; Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner.

To the Class of '97. Well, time flies when you're having fun. These past four years have great! To the girls-You've always been there to liven up the party. Good luck in the future; I know you'll make the best of it. To my companions: Conway, Goodwin, Staz, Dons, Ryan, Wheeler, and Maruca-We've had many good times and I won't forget them. Make the best of the years to come. To the soccer team-These four years have been great. Keep up the good work. Good luck next year! Ha, Ha. To my family: Mom, Dad, Paul, Tommy, and Laura-Thanks for putting up with me. I won't let you down.



## Timothy Haaga

Good luck to the Class of '97!



## Tai Hammarlof

Environmental Action Club 1; Drama Club 1, 2; S.O.N.A.R. 3; Latin Club 4.

To all my crew-I hope your future is prosperous. Alex-You will always be my bro. Keep on growing. Joe-You are one crazy kid. I don't know what I would have done with myself in my junky 'hood if you weren't there. I hope many more years of strangeness are still to come. J.F.G.-Stay strong. Represent da Eastside. Barrett-I hope everything works out for you in the future. We all know your luck needs to change, for the better. Dan-California dreamer. Do something about that cold. To all of the bums in the center-Hopefully you will find a meaning in your lives. You better not be sitting there in 20 years. I guess I'm just trying to say live life to the fullest.

## Jeffrey L. Hannigan

Football 1, 2; Wrestling 2, 3; Office Aide 3.
"If we could see tomorrow, what of your plans?, No one could live in sorrow, ask all your friends. Times that you took in stride, they're back in demand. I was the one who was washing blood off your hands ....."-Guns-N-Roses- First and foremost, I would like to thank God for bringing me through this. Mom, Dad- thanks for being there for me even though I wasn't always there for you. I love you. Mike- What's up? Thanks for all those dollars at lunch. Justin- Good luck in high school. To all the people who helped me through my personal life: Kari, Kara, Sara, Heather (span) Mark, Mike, Ryan, Rich, Dave, Cori, and of course my love Emily-I love you all. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## James H. Hardy-Martin III

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Track 3, 4.
I'm finally done. I'd like to thank God for allowing me to graduate and to make it this far. Thank you to the East Longmeadow school system for allowing me to come out here. Domar- I told you we would make it, be safe! I can't forget to thank the lunch ladies for the discounts on the kiwi, cookies, and apples - Thank you. James Halton Hardy-Martin III saying goodbye.

## Kari Starr Haskell

Cheerleading 1; Office Aide 1; Wrestling (manager) 1, 2, 3, 4; Work Study 3, 4.
Thanks Mom, Dad, Amie, and Pookie. Without you I would NEVER have made it THIS far!!! I love you! Dubes: Where to begin? Hampton Beach forever! One way ticket to Revere? Parties in the woods, "The Spot", Bagel, MP etc. Especially Scott and LABOR DAY! A-town! Of course!! Kar- It's been real. You've been a great friend (C-C) and gave me that extra kick when I deserved it. Thanks ... Heather- Nature's Classroom and WE SAW IT FIRST!!! Good luck! K.I.T.! Jeffy: X-block?! I love you?! Simplicity? That's us!!! Bonnie: It's been EXTREME! Definitely different! P.S. (it was just a kiss!) "The Crew"- Since Sara and I are the only ones who are graduating THIS year, good luck! Party on!!! Bryan- SENIOR STAIRCASE AFTER SCHOOL!!!!

## Tim Hassett

High school's been hard, but I'm finally out! Josh- Your house has been a second home. Tell me again why I can't catch any fish! Li Xiaoshuang! Justin- My beeper buddy (everyone else is just jealous). Mickey G- Thanks for the food! Sean- You're my favorite brother. Leah- Got any band-aids? What's the magic word? Johnny- One of these days you're gonna kill yourself! Do me a favor-don't do it while I'm there (or on my bike). Bye everyone! I'm out like a trout!

## Josh Hastings

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 4; Key Club 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Spartanum 4.
"The story of life is quicker than the wink of an eye. The story of love is hello and goodbye until we meet again" -Jimi Hendrix It was a quick four years, but I won't forget. I wish the best to the Class of '97, hope to see ya' around.

## Kelly M. Hayes

Diving 1; C.O.P.E. 1; Office Aide 1, 2; C.O.P.E. Classic 1, 4; Newspaper 2; Tennis 1, 2, 4; Ski Team 3, 4; Volleyball 3 (manager), 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Lit Mag 4.
"Here we are. Born to be kings. We're the princes of the universe. Here we belong. Fighting to survive. In a world with the darkest powers. And here we are. We're the princes of the universe. Here we belong. Fighting for survival. We've come to be rulers of your world." -Queen- Heather-What can I say, you have been my best friend for the past four years. Thank you for being there for me through everything. Lisa- Remember- Bump, Set, Spike. These are words to live by. Remember them. Slagin's Troops-It has been fun working with all of you this year. Good luck in whatever you do. Keep in touch. GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 1997. "PURPLE HAZE"

## Laura Henry

Key Club 1, 2, 3 (V.P.), 4 (president), Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Western Mass District Chorus 2, 4; Drama Club 1, 2 (co-president), 3, 4; Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4; R.Y.L.A. 2; NHS 3, 4; C.O.P.E. 1, 2.

The past four years have been unforgettable. Lynn-Cotton clouds, nerd bomber ... thanks for always being there. You're proof that the best things come in small packages. Lynn, Betsy, Jade and Anne, I love you guys! Never change. By the way, anyone want to drive? Michelle-Grapefruit spoons. Tab-Beware of Chicopee project guys ... oops! Brian-Sadistic dentist! Love ya, hon. Jennie and Sue-He was the ruler of Egypt, you see! Can you believe it's all over? Amanda-How will chorus ever survive without us? Movie people-Watch out for Blood Farmers, evil costume characters, and especially L.P.'s! Sorry about that. "Seniors" from last year-My high school years wouldn't have been complete without everything we did together. I love you all. Good luck to everyone and keep in touch!

## Jennie Hill

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Aegis 1, 2, 3, 4 (editor); Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4 (director); Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (V.P.); NHS 3, 4; Model Congress 3, 4; Mock Trial 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' State 3; School Council 3, 4; District Band 4.

"It's not the critic who counts; not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who, if he wins, knows the triumph of high achievement; but- who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." -Theodore Roosevelt

Thank you to all of my teachers, coaches, friends, and family for your support and guidance throughout the years. I wish you the best of luck in the future and may God bless you all.

## Andrea L. Hubbard

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4 (co-captain); Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Basketball 1; Office Aid 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Ziti Dinner 1, 4; Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4.

Mom & Dad-Thanks for supporting me through the best 17 years of my life. You've given me everything and more. I love you. Santina-We've been best friends since the womb. Remember all the laughing, crying, and causing trouble! It's time for us to go our separate ways but take those memories with you and never forget them. I love you. Good luck in the future. Kir-El capitan. Remember Bubbles? We became close; don't forget all the good times! Linds-Chicki bo's, Singe! "Thank You", You're a great kid, stay strong. Krista-Arigato! Physics rocks! Full moon tonight. Do you extrapolate? Sammy J-Rainman! Ah, Jean, Matha? Softball and field hockey-Good luck! Keep the sleepover tradition alive. Alan-Thanx for being there. Watch out for those trees. Beth-Knobby, no knobby. Mike-Get on the bus! David-The best gym buddy anyone could have.

## Samantha Jaskievic

Class Secretary 1, 2, 3; Homeroom Rep 4; Spartanum 3, 4; Ziti Dinner 4; C.O.P.E. 2; Key Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 1, 2; Yearbook 3; C.O.P.E. Classic 2.

Beth-Where do I start? From trying on clothes to "our walks" to watching Dirty Dancing every night, we've done it all. You truly are my best friend. Thanks! Santina-We've shared so much!! Taking pictures, Flush, Pinky Swear! Thanks for all the talks. You taught me what real friendship is. Go home to bed, sleep forever, then call me. Susan-We made it. Between mid-terms ('95) and Brent's we're even! Maine rules! Angie-Our noodles, yeah respect. Jen-Bottle caps hurt. Andrea-Uh-oh Vern, ahh got a pen? Nikki-July third, 5:00 am. Mariel-Our walk (C.C.) was a true moment. Jackie-Tender heart. Got a lava lamp? Kevin-You make me smile. Thanks for all our "laughs." I love ya. Mom and Dad-You truly are the wind beneath my wings. I love you. Adam-Thanks for being there. You make me proud. I love you. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Michael Joseph Jester

The past few years have been interesting. Sometimes school was fun, and at other times it dragged. I've made a lot of good friends through the years both in and out of school. Barret-I wish you the best of luck. God knows you need it. If you ever need a helping hand you know how to get in touch. Drummond-You and I don't always see eye to eye, but you're one of my closest friends. See you over summer, and next fall in college. Omar, Edgar, Dan, Pito, Brendan, and all my other boys-Thanks for showing me the ropes and watching my back. Chrissy-You've been a real important person to me, I hope we always remain friends.

## Eric Johnson

Drama Club 2, 3, 4; Debate Team 2, 3, 4 (Co-captain); Spartanum 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Office Aide 1; Jazz Band 4; Science League 4.

We always stand at the edge of the past and the threshold of the future. Let's step forward together and discover what we can be. Michelle-Let's do lunch . . . Better yet, let's have coffee later. Pete-You've been a good friend to me, remember the days. Meghan-I'll cuff you if you strike again! Mike-Because of you I will never be sick on a Wednesday again. Steph, Jess, and Brendan-Thanks for the good company and laughs (at Steph's expense). Dez- The eternal freshman, thanks for helping me keep my sanity in Band. Dave, Red, and all them-Remember the semi. Jess A.-It's been a blast. Class of '97-"The wind sits in the shoulder of your sail." (William Shakespeare)

## Lea Johnson

Key Club 1; Office Aide 1; C.O.P.E. 4.
Well, we did it. Our high school years are over. Now we have to begin new lives, make new friends (still remembering the old ones at E.L.H.S.), and have new experiences. Korinne-we've known each other since kindergarten and we've had a lot of good times. I will always remember Mr. Hooper! Sharon and Nicole-Our art classes have been fun. We had a lot of laughs. "It's a glue time!" Christine-You are a good friend. Amanda-Our English classes together were memorable, especially ninth grade! Keep in touch. Best of luck to the Class of '97.

## Margaret E. Kubera

Soccer 1; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3; Latin Club 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Home Room Rep 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; NHS 3; Spartanum 2, 4.
Mom and Dad-I can never thank you enough for what you've given me. I love you both. Paul, Ann, John, and David-Thanks for all the great advice you guys have given me during my high school years. If only I had used some of it. Watching each of you graduate year after year, I sure learned a lot of valuable lessons. I was patiently waiting for my turn, only hoping to have as much fun as all of you've had. FINALLY, it's my turn. Well, I'm the last KUBE to leave this fine high school so I must leave everyone with this final thought: Whatever you choose to do, have faith and believe in yourself. Most of all, ENJOY LIFE!! - MARGE

## Bethany LaBrie

French Club 2, 3; Key Club 4; Spartanum 4; Yearbook 3, 4; Powder Puff 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 2.
Santina-Florida, the Maya, I love music, it's my mom, you look like a fool, mirror, the tent, and, of course, laughing. I love you! Sammy J.-No matter where life takes us, you will always be my best friend. No way Jose, umm . . . mittens, jello belly, walks and talks, dancing, bunnies, my left foot, it looks fine Suzie-Popsicles, parking lots Ang-Wad o'bread Christine-Tine and Bef, fool moons, come and get it Dre-Timbob Gina-Chillin'Chillin Jen-Best friend necklaces Anna-calculator Maria-algebra Nikki-I'm not trashing your house, windows, toaster tots, the deck Mariel-Whas' happenin'? Want some applesauce? Jackie-Did you see that? I'm wicked thirsty. KW-How are you feeling-ILL! Mom and Dad-Thank you for believing in me through good and bad. DJ and Mars-Stop fighting. I love you, Rhett.

## Karalee A. Lacey

Office Aide 1; Sign Language 1, 2; Work Study 3, 4.
Mom, Dad-Thanks for letting me do this and not giving up on me . . . even when it looked like I joined the five-year program. I love you! Kris-Where do I begin? You have made me so happy! Thank you! Don't ever forget me!! I love you! Krusty-I love you! I miss you two! I love you guys! Haily-I love you, Boo! Tina-I finally did it! Kari, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell-I owe you the world! Thank you so much! I love you! Gram, Gramp-Thank you for everything, I love you. Jess-We made it! Jeff-How's your back?

## Jessica A. Lamana

Soccer 2; Spanish Club 2, 3; Key Club 3, 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Aegis 4.
"Time to move on, time to get going. What lies ahead, I have no way of knowing but under my feet, baby, grass is growing. It's time to move, time to get going . . ." -Tom Petty Dad-You were right, it's over and there's no turning back. Thanks to my friends, both old and new. S.G.-You'll never get rid of me. Maybe I'll call before I stop by. Don't believe everything you hear. J.P.-You're the best friend I could have. Don't crash into any curbs in E.S. and get gas before you leave. These past years have been a blast (especially with you driving). I won't forget the times we've had. Mom and Dad-Thanks for always being there, without your help I couldn't do it. I know I've been a pain at times, but I stuck with it. Love you guys. Congratulations to the Class of '97.

## Brent Lang

Football 1; Key Club 1; C.O.P.E. Classic 3
Where do we go from here? My mom always said that I could be whatever I wanted. Well, I've finally decided what I want to do and I'm on my way. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for everything you've done for me. I'll never forget it. For my friends-Gimpy, Smitty, Aute, Goz, Davie, Kir, Brie, Luch, Metz, C+K, Nora, Katie, (if I forgot anyone, I'm sorry). If it wasn't for you guys, I don't think I would have made it. The last person I really want to thank is the most important. You'll never understand, but thanks anyway, Lori.

## Nicole Larder

Key Club 1; C.O.P.E. 3, 4; French Club 2.

These four years have finally come to an end and soon the lives we know will change forever. Though time will pass our memories will not fade. Sharon-"We had joy we had fun we had fishes in the sun, all the stars we could reach were the starfish on the beach." Lea-I hope you'll always be a Snoopy fan. Christine and Stephanie- You guys are exceptional acquaintances, ha, ha. Zuffies-We should go back to Spain; they gave it to me; I own it. No tocar! Don't worry Killer Barbie, if you ever need AG just send the signal. Mom, Dad and Jon-Thanks for everything; I love you. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Casey Laushway

Soccer 1, 2, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 4.

Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Beth Leete

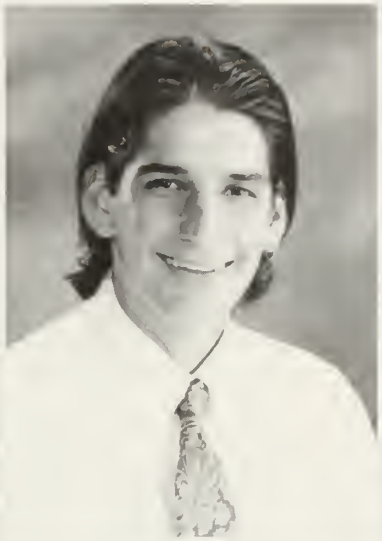
Softball 1, 2; Latin Club 4; Drama Club 2.

Thanks Mom and Dad for standing by me always. I love you. Nate-Good luck in ELHS; stick with it! Ernie-I'll always remember the pink boots. I want the SMALL!! Burnt burgers, rollerblades, clean room (sort of). Opie and Olivia-Thanks for everything! You've always been there for me. Mel-Are you a private eye? Where's Carmen? Our scarecrows are great! Lynn-Puff ate Pooky! Amanda-X-blocks were interesting, at the least! Tab-Great times won't be forgotten! Meg-Tempus fugit, perna! Kara-Let's go to the gym! Shhh! To all my friends-Good luck with college or whatever else you might do. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Anthony Levesque

C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Soccer 1, 2; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Ziti Dinner 1; Spartanum 4

Well, now that the fun days are over, it's time to pack it up and go our separate ways. Let me start by saying something to the boys: TC-1-800-DIAL-A-RIDE. MS-You get all the ladies, Bubblehead. AO-Who put those marks on your back? ML-Have fun finding a girl. Check Sweden! MP-Que tal chico? RB&VS-84,000 miles. SS-Ziti dinner! RD-Wanna run today? JM-What's up? Jess-We've gone this far, and I know we can continue the rest of our lives. I love you, FAE! Mom, Dad, Nans, Janelle and Vinny-You've been there for me when I needed you, and I thank you for all your support. Good luck Class of '97.



## Amanda E. Liucci

Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Cheerleading 2; Spanish Club 3, 4; Key Club 4.

To the Class of '97-These four years have gone by so fast, I can't believe it's over and we're on to bigger and better things. To my art cage friends, Coll96, Chaz, and Louis-Stay wild! To Melanie and Lisa-You guys are my best friends, thanks for all the laughs! Lisa-May Apata always be in your heart, he'll be in mine. We'll get revenge on Mcy T someday! Mel-I'll never forget our times in Dlanor Nizara's class, it was a blast! Good luck with your lawyer dreams and keep crawling through mall plants. Danielle-You'll find someone in college, I promise. Lynn-Thanks for being there for me in swimming and English-you rule! To all you guys-Keep in touch. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Christine Loesch

C.O.P.E. Classic 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 1.

Class of '97-We made it. Santina-You're the best! Never forget those endless nights with your car, or the phone conversations for hours. Mmm, chocolate. Your beautiful and I love ya. Angie-You can rock girl! Golden Anniversary night! What do we do now? Thanks for being a great friend. Beth-Where'd the days go? Full moon, yellow snow at McD's. I'll never forget you. Bob-Where would I be without the mistletoe and Sam? You're the best. You know how to make me smile. I love you too much for words to say. Don't forget-persian kitty with blue eyes. Thanks Mom for being there to understand me, I love you. To all my other friends-I love ya.

## Domar Long

Finally!!! is all I can say. It feels so good to be a senior and it's going to feel even better to graduate. For three long years I have sweated through this school and it is finally paying off. I want to give mad props to my man James, who made my high school years memorable. I don't think I could have done it without him. Much luv-2-u-kid. Much love goes out to Erika and Asia. Oh yes, to Asia and James-I hope I can be the best man on your wedding day. To Mike-Thanks for getting me to school everyday . . . late. To my man, Will-Even though you weren't with us, you weren't forgotten. Last of all, to Mr.. Jackson-Thanks for all your help and everything you did for me. Good luck to the Class of '97!

## Paul Longo

Football 1; Ziti Dinner; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4.

I have always thought to myself that ELHS was one of the worst schools, but now I have finally realized that I'm going to miss this school. We really had a great class with a lot of fun people. I want to thank all of you for making my years here some of the best I've ever had. As for Brian, you lazy piece, maybe, just maybe, you'll get a job. "Life's a natural high, so is the Class of '97. Live it up." Good luck to the Class of '98.

## Alyssa Joy Lunghi

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Softball 1; Key Club 1, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4 (treasurer); Newspaper 2, 3; Aegis 2; Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4.

"Breathe, breathe in the air. Don't be afraid to care. Leave, but don't leave me. Look around and choose your own ground. For long you live and high you fly and smiles you'll give and tears you'll cry. And all you'll touch and all you'll see is all your life will ever be." -Pink Floyd

## Michael Lyons

Baseball 1; Hockey 1, 2; Powder Puff 1, 2, 3, 4, Spartanum

Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Jeff MacKechnie

Soccer 1, 2, 3 4; Ski Team 3, 4; Baseball 1, 4; Golf 2, 3; Ziti Dinner.

To my best friends, Steele and Trince-The weekends would never have been the same without you. If nothing was ever going on, we always found something new to make up. Mer, Ding, Mar will be with me when I'm bored. Thanks for the great times. "D"-you wanted to be in here so you are, and for the last time, "Play Soccer!" What's up Tony, Tom, and the bench crew! Moses-We've been neighbors for 7 years, don't forget where I live. Lastly, to my parents-Thanks for helping me through the rough times. I won't forget everything you guys have done for me. There's nothing I could give to pay you back. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Matthew MacKechnie

AEGIS 3; Spartanum 3, 4; Model Congress 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Latin Club 4; Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; (captain); Chemistry Olympiad 3; Ski Team 3; Math Olympiad 4; Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cope Classic 3, 4.

Good luck to the Class of '97 and especially to all my friends. Thanks for the good times. I'd also like to thank my parents for the incredible amount of support they have given me.

"Up the stair case to the first floor, we turn the key and slowly unlock the door to the future."
-U2

## Joseph T. Maggi

Wrestling 1; Cross Country 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Latin Club (president) 4; Ziti Dinner.

Venimus; Vidimus; Vicimus. We came; we saw; we conquered. Good luck, Class of '97!

## Dan Manley

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country (captain) 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 4; Model Congress 4.

I would like to thank my friends and family for getting me through these 12 years of school. I never thought that high school would end but it finally has. Good luck in the future. Tom-Remember, "We're on a mission from God."

## Taryn Markham

French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Environmental Club 1; Homeroom Rep. 4; Tutor 3; Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner.

I thought senior year would never come. Every day I dreaded rolling out of my warm and comfortable bed. It really wasn't bad. Someday, I'll wish that I could be in high school again. I will remember the bizarre discussions, thanks to my classe de francais, bickering with my friends, and my first love-sophomore, junior, and part of senior year. Thanks to Carly and Jeremy, who would never let me have a dull or quiet moment. Thanks Papa. You could always make me laugh. Thanks Dad, or "Mr. Fix-It", for being a little more lenient. Especially thanks to Mom, who always gave me advice which magically brightened up my life. Good luck, Class of '97!

## Melissa Ann Mars

S.O.N.A.R. 3; Ziti Dinner 4

Katie-We've been best friends since we were born. We've been through so much together! Remember all of our road trips, Rhode Island (long and short). Don't forget the G.G.B.B. Snail. You've always been there for me, to talk to and to listen to my problems. I want you to know that whatever we do and wherever we end up, you can always call me and I'll be there for you. (The ducks are flying south!) To my mom, dad, and Joel-Thank you for being there for me. I love you. To all my good friends-I hope we stay in touch. Good luck to the Class of 1997.

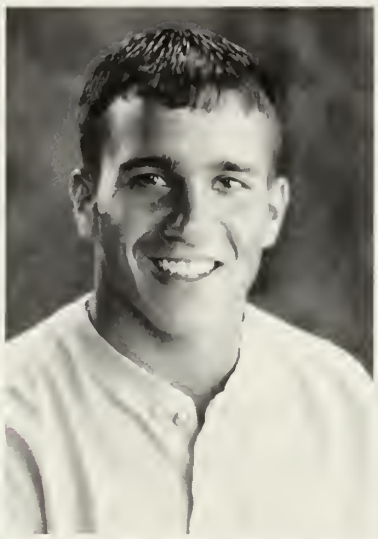
## Christopher J. Martin

I would like to thank my parents and teachers for having faith in me, especially Dr. Welch. Thanks for sticking by me throughout my high school life. Lastly, I would like to thank all my friends for being there. Oh, yeah, Mr. Mazz and Mr. Freccero-Thanks for putting up with me.

## Marisa Maruca

Softball 1, 4; Basketball 1; Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner.

Mikaela-I want to thank you the most for everything. We've had too many good times to remember in just 120 words. You're my best friend and I love you. I don't think you could ever forget Michael Jackson, the monkey, or the butter. Thanks again, dude. Alicia-We're on a big bike race! Every time you see a monkey, I know you'll think of me. Thanx. Maggie-One on one, we're having some fun. Sarah-There's your hubcap. Chris-What would I have done without you? I love you. Thanks. To all my other friends, Kate, Tiffany, Brienne, Erika, and Sammmy-I love you and thanks. Good luck to the Class of '97.



## Michael Maruca

Football 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Track 1; Golf 2; Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 3, 4, C.O.P.E. Classic 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1 (member-at-large), 4 (secretary); Ski Team 4; Ziti Dinner.

"Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination: Never put off 'til tomorrow what you can do today"-Chesterfield To Chris, Jim, Steve, Tony, Noah-Good luck boys. Have we reached the end or the beginning? I don't know. Thanks for the good times. Keep in touch. To the girls-Things wouldn't have been as good without you to liven things up. Thanks. To my parents, Tree, Joe, Laura, and Ash-Thanks for all the support. I love you all.

## Christine Mary McKenna

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 3, 4 (treasurer); Softball 1, 2; Track 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1 (president); Latin Club 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 4; Ziti Dinner.

The memories that we hold close to our hearts are those we share together, and the ones we made at E.L.H.S. will be with us forever, Kir-Dancin' to the oldies, I'll be Minnie, you be Mickey, the Breakfast Club, bird calling, the worshipped Coke can, karioke. Kris-Poodle skirts, Bobby McGee, jukebox parties, treehouse club, Annie, you'll always be the Head Ref! Em-Hey bus buddie! We'll always have the junior semi, we are family, what should I do? stop blinking, hoola girls! Andrew-Well, Chubbs, I think we've shared about 82 memories together with so many more to come. Thanks for making each one of my days so much brighter; you'll always be my best friend. F.H.-We've had so many great times together. boom, boom, score! Good luck next year! Mom, Dad, and Mike-Thanks for always being there for me. You are all very special. I love you.

## Kristi Leigh McLeod

Office Aide 1; Environmental Action Club 1, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; C.O.P.E. 4; French Club 1, 2; Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner.

We've all been friends at one point or another during our years in school. Good luck to everyone with what you do in the future and keep looking to the stars. Cyndy-Grab a hold of life before it passes you by. Kristen-What can I say? It's been seven years now. I'll always be here through thick and thin, good times and bad. Justin or Danny! Justin-I'll never forget you. To my family-I love you! Thank you for helping me over the years. Mom-I won't be gone all the time. Dad-I really do love you. Chad and Mattew-You guys are a pain in the butt. I'll always love you.

## Kate McQuillan

Office Aide 1, 2; Key Club 1; E.A.C. 1.

I want to thank all of my friends, especially my cousin Mindy and my two best friends Josh and Steph. You all made my high school years the best. McDonald's during senior studies with Sharon and Jess was tons of fun, and X-blocks with Chris were never boring. I also want to thank my mother, father, my sister Erin, and my grandma for sticking with me through tough times.

## Mindy McQuillan

Ricky-Our little "accident" turned out to be the most wonderful thing that ever could have happened to us. You are, and will always be, the one and only man in my life. I love you with all my heart. Everyone doubted us and thought we'd never stick together, but we pulled through and we'll keep on 'til the end. I can't forget my two best friends: Bonnie, for keeping me out of trouble, and Kate for getting me into it. Bonnie-You're a true friend; I'm here for you always. Kate-Don't worry, there may be hope for you yet. I have to thank my entire family, especially my mom. Without you, this year wouldn't have been possible. I love you all.

## Kristen Melbourne

Jess-Thanks for always being there for me when I needed advice. I'm glad we've stayed friends for so long and I hope we stay that way, Chipmunk. Katy-I'm glad we became friends and are still friends after all we've been through. Thanks for being there for me, Shotgun. Heather-Thanks for listening to all my problems and letting me use your car. I'm glad we got to know each other. Sara-It's been fun. Thanks for the stuff; you know what I'm talking about. Austin & Sean-Ha. Bickford's. Mom-Thanks for everything. Thank you to all my friends; it wouldn't have been the same without you. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Krista C. Melien

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Newspaper 2, 3, 4 (co-editor-in-chief); National Honor Society 3, 4; Mock Trial 3, 4; Key Club 1, 2, 3; Ziti Dinner; Aegis 2, 3; Latin Club 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4.

These past four years have flown by. I've made so many memories, memories that cannot be forgotten and will always make me smile. Kir-Never forget all the times we laughed until we cried and cried until we laughed. You are a great friend. Emmy-Remember the wild nights and days when we wouldn't go home. Your smile cheered me up so often, thanks for being a great listener and friend. Chrissy-We've done a lot since story time and without you, growing up would have been harder. Thanks for the advice and laughs. Andrea-Look for full moons and extrapolate! Thanks for always listening. Mike, John, Tom, Tos, Scully, and Jay-Without you I wouldn't have had so much fun. Thanks for making me laugh. Field hockey-Keep your chins up and keep winning! To my parents-Thank you for everything you've done for me. I love you! Class of '97-Control your own destiny.

## Christine Gale Menard

Key Club 1; C.O.P.E. 3, 4.

Congratulations to the Class of 1997, I wish everyone the best of luck. Sharon-We've been through a lot together as friends. Through good times and bad, you were always there to listen and give advice. Thanks for everything. Nicole-Over the past four years we've become good friends. I hope we can keep in touch. Lea-You are the nicest person I've ever met. Don't every change. Kate-You're the craziest kid I know. Maybe that's why we're friends. Keep in touch. Mindy-Good luck with Ricky and the baby. Hope you stay happy and healthy. Steph-You're so sweet. I hope we keep in touch. Jess-You're going to be a great chef. Best of luck. Mom, Toastie, and Steve-Thanks for everything. I love you all.

## Jessica Metoxen

Key Club 2, 3, 4; Aegis 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2; Ziti Dinner; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 4.

We've all made great memories, but soon we'll have to say good-bye. Brie-Since fifth grade we've been growing and forming a perfect friendship. Through the years to come, I know we'll still be by each other's side in the good times and bad. I'll miss you next year! To my friends-You guys are the greatest. Don't ever lose touch! Tony-I don't think I could ever thank you enough for everything you've done for me. Don't ever forget how special you are. I love you, FAE!
Mom, Dad, Jason, Nana-Thanks for all the support. To the soccer and track teams-Good luck next year! Congratulations to the Class of '97!

## Kirsten M. Metzger

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4 (co-captain); Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4 (treasurer); Aegis 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 2, 4; Spanish Club 2; Cope Classic 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner 4; Tutor 3; Powder Puff 1, 4; National Honor Society 4.

Class of 97-Good luck. Make the most of your opportunities and live your lives to the fullest. Mike-Thanks for sticking by me. Remember, I'm smarter than you, A-4. AH-Remember bubbles? My FH buddy, stay away from car washes, Mike's basement & the dirt pit. KM-Thanks for the great times during h.s. I'll always remember Krista, climbing trees, Peter, black chalk, Old Saybrook, Maine, Camp BB & all the laughter & fun we've had. CM-You're a great friend, don't stop bird-watching, spying & partying in the basement. EB-What happened to her hair? We need a grate for the fire! Mich & Garv-Candyman, frosting & JV b.ball. FH team & Coach-You guys are the best. I'll miss you next year. Look for the white dots & watch out for The Train. Mom & Dad-Thanks for all the help & support over the years. Erik-Have fun next year as the only child.

## Gregory S. Metzidakis

Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3.

Life has been great during my eight years as a resident of East Longmeadow, and life has been especially wonderful during my four years at E.L.H.S. Many thanks to those who helped make it possible: the faculty and staff, all the good-hearted people, Brendan and Jeff (two good and constant friends), my sister, and especially my parents, who encouraged and guided me step by step. Good luck to the Class of'97. I wish you all much success!

## Katie Miller

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 (co-captain); Softball 1; Field Hockey 2, 3; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Key Club 4.

These past four years I've realized how thankful I am for my family. You four made me into the type of person I am today. Every one of your actions taught me that you shouldn't care what others think of you and to just be yourself. You've supported me through sports, helped me through hardships, and created happy memories, but that can't even explain how wonderful you are. Thanks for always staying by my side, and I hope you never leave. I'd also like to thank all my closest friends, for all the happy memories. I'll cherish them forever. Now that we're going our separate ways, let's remember all the times we had together. Those memories will last a lifetime.

## Peter Miller

French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science League 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Cross Country 4; Ziti Dinner.

Where'd it go? Senior year? Graduation? Everything we've been looking forward to for twelve years? All this time we thought this was the end, but now that we're here, we can see that all we've been striving for was only the beginning. Let me thank God, my parents (I really love you), Becky and John-You two are the greatest! Eric-Seven years! How'd you put up with me? Thanks for always being there. Mike-To know him was to love him. To love him was to know him... Brendan- Junior? One last time, You're wrong! Macs rule. Vote Republican. Whoops ... no time for rebuttal. Steve-Sorry I left homeroom, and try not to be late for graduation. To the Class of '97-Good luck and God bless you all.

## Scott Monson

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2; Homeroom Rep.; Ziti Dinner.

To the Class of 1997-Best of luck in the future. I hope to see you all soon, successful and happy. Kris-Thanks a lot for being a great friend; I hope to never lose touch. Becca (and Kris)-By the time you read this, Florida will just be a memory. I'm sure we had an awesome time. Katie-You're the best; I'll never forget you. Cyndy-I know that was your neighbor's house. Best of luck to the Class of 1997.

## Sarah Moses

Good luck and best wishes to the Class of 1997!
Thanks for being there for me.

## Wayne Norman

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4.
Good luck to the Class of '97!

## Martha O'Brien

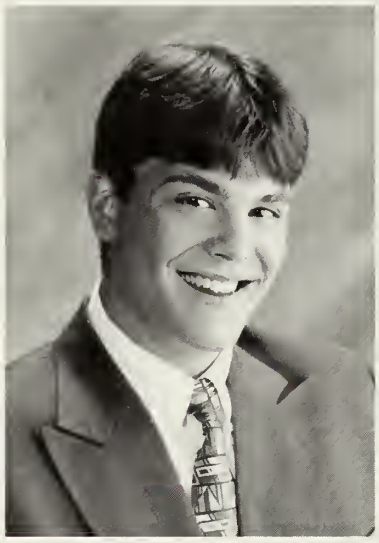
Key Club 3, 4; Cheerleading 2; Spanish Club 3; Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 2, 4.
Alyssa-A-train! You are the best friend anyone can have. I hope all your dreams come true. Stay away from "Maulers", "The Red Room", and "That Boy". I'll never forget all our drives, Cape Cod, or our friendship. Sarah-Know what time it is? Cherry Blast Slurpees forever! You're the best! Thank you for always listening to my problems. Ashleigh-"Hello Robin!!", "Thelma & Louise"! You and I have grown up together; I don't know what I would have done without you. Cyndy-Remember that I am always here for you, "flash"! Nikki-"Gumpi." We'll be leaving on that midnight train. Becca-I'll miss you next year. "Fly like a bird". Mom-Thank you for all the love, support, and encouragement you have given me. You will never know how much you mean to me! I love you!

## Kerry O'Connor

Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (secretary); Spanish Club 1, 2; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 2; Aegis 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Powder Puff 1, 4.
"We had a moment, just one moment, that will last beyond a dream, beyond a lifetime. We are the lucky ones, some people never get to do all we got to do. Now and forever, I will always think of you."-Carole King We finally made it! I wish everyone good luck for whatever path they may follow. Thanks to my family for all their love and support. Brienne and Ryan-Good luck in anything and everything you do. To all my close friends-I love you and wish you all the best. I will always remember our friendship. Thanks for the lasting memories.

## William Olejarz

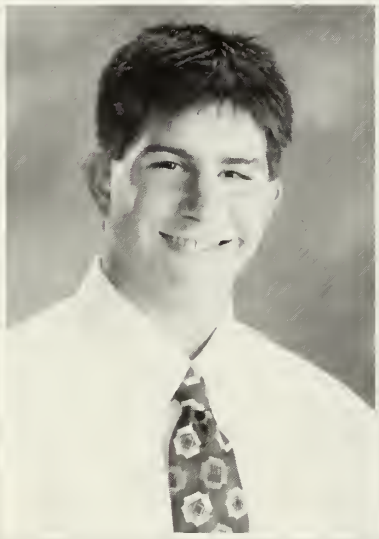
Good luck to the Class of '97!



## Adam Lucien Oliveri

Basketball 1, 2; Spartanum 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Ziti Dinner, French Club 3; Key Club 3.

These four years have flown by. It seems like yesterday I was a fat, soon-to-be-freshman, petrified to set foot into high school. Well BOYZ, we have been through a lot: Thinking we were cool smoking cigars in my camper, McDonald's (big mess!), chillin' in my backyard wondering what to do next, shooting some hoops, jumping on the trampoline, playing volleyball, chatting about the day's events, or taking one of the fine lovely ladies that were visiting for a walk. Whichever one of these choices we made, we had fun doing them and we always enjoyed being together. Good luck in the future BOYZ, and good luck to the CLASS OF 1997!!!!!



## Michael Ouellette

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 4.

Good luck to the Class of '97. It has been a great four years that I'll never forget. Thanks to all my friends who made it possible. Thanks Mom and Dad and Becky for all the support. Good luck to one and all.

## Michael Pappelardo

Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4.
The last four years have been fun. I will always remember ELHS. I hope to see everyone in the future. Good luck to the Class of '97.

## Kevin Paquette

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Wrestling 1, French Club 1, 2; Latin Club 4; Model Congress 2, 3, 4 (delegate); Debate Team 2.
"Get off the porch and run with the torch."-Big Dog

## Erika Parent

Well, Class of '97, it's finally over! We've shared a lot of good times, and gotten through a lot of bad. I'm gonna miss you all. Asia, thanks for making me laugh! Sam C., we had a lot of great nights out in the speed demon. Sam J., I love you babe. I really thought they should have chosen us for Silver and Gold. Beth, Christine, you guys are the best. What's a girl to do? Jen, stay sweet. Sue, thanks for leaving me in the bush. Marisa, UGH, pig eyes! Mike B., when can I get that kiss? It's been real.

## Michael Parker

Key Club 3, 4; Aegis 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; French 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Homeroom Rep. 4; Spartanum 4.
All my friends-Thanks for giving me four great years at E.L.H.S. To every friend from Spain and the Sensational Seven-You guys made the trip more exciting. Jessica M.-Thanks for writing over the summer. Lynn-Thanks for not killing me during our long ride to Fazio's. Remember, brakes are a necessity! Nicole-Thanks for making Spanish class fun. Kate-Thanks for bringing me lunch. Jessica R.-Thanks for getting me free stuff from your job. Bonnie-Thank you for the Eblen's discount on Boss jeans and shirts. Steve-Thanks for doing some of my French homework. Domar-Learn to park and turn corners under 40 MPH. James-Try not to think you're right all the time! Asia-Get rid of all those clothes and sneakers in your three closets and you'll have some room. Erika-Pursue all your dreams. Thanks to my family.

## Michael V. Perella

Soccer 1; Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2; Ziti Dinner 1.
Well, it's finally here, a time I thought would never come. Even though these four years flew by, I will never forget the times, both good and bad, that I have had. Mom and Dad-Thanks for putting up with me through the years. I know I was a pain. To the Crew-It was fun. I will never forget any of you guys. This was the best four years of my life so far. T.L.-When is the wedding? M.L.-The speed limit is 35 MPH. M.S.-smith, smith, SMITH. S.S.-Let's race. T.C.-Need a ride? GET YOUR LICENSE! V.S.-Don't, you're driving. R.D.-HURRY UP!! R.B.-"KID" A.O.-We're coming over. P.W.-We gonna Tro-bones.

## Nick Petitgirard

French Club 4; Volleyball 4; Soccer 4; Spartanum 4.
(Please read with an outrageous French accent.) Luck and fate went into my coming to E.L. I never imagined that a tiny town could offer so much. To my family-Thanks for making this dream come true. To my American family, the Stones-I hope I've given you as much as you've given me. To my soccer team and coach-Thanks for letting me be a WMass champion. Billy-You are the greatest keeper I've ever seen and just as great a friend. Jay-"We are the youth gone wild!" Jeff-Come see what my country really looks like! Lisa-You've been like a sister. I'll never forget you. Sam-Keep singing Skid Row and Bon Jovi songs. They rock! There are too many names to mention but you are all a part of my life. I'm bringing E.L. back to France but to E.L. I leave my heart. I love you all. I'll miss you all. I'd also like to thank Pizza Shoppe and especially Burger King.

## Gregory Phaneuf

My years at E.L. High went by faster than I could have ever imagined. Thanks to my friends; I had a blast. To all the pseudo-followers of Phaneufy-ism-When you look back on these years just smile, and be happy I'm not president. Hanora and Nicole-You are two really cool cats; have fun in the mighty bubble. Barret-Good luck, I know you'll come out on top of the game. Mom and Dad-I love you. Thank you for the support. To all the Center Rats-have fun and stay cool.

## Stephanie Pierzchala

Key Club 2; Tutor 3; Office Aide 2, 3, 4.
"Listen to the Mustn'ts, child, listen to the Don'ts. Listen to the Shouldn'ts, the Impossibles, the Won'ts. Listen to the Never-Haves, then listen close to me - Anything can happen, child, anything can be." -Shel Silverstein. Class of '97-Go for your dreams. Jessica and Andrea-We've had a great four years. Sharon, Nicole, and Christine-Stickers rule! Kate-We've made it through high school. Eric-We've had a lot of laughs (at my expense). Brendan-Because of you these four years have been interesting and unforgettable. See everyone in 25 years!

## Amanda Potter

Environmental Action Club 1, 2, 3 (VP), 4 (president); Science League 1, 2, 3, 4; Ski Team 2, 3, 4 (captain); Chorus 2, 3, 4. Key Club 1; Powder Puff 1; Spanish Club 3, Tutor 4
It's been real. It's been fun. But it hasn't been real fun. Andy-You're my better half. I love you. To the Center Rats-Save a spot on "the rock" for me. I'm just a dopeless hope addict. I can't write to everyone, but you know who you are. Thanks for caring. And ... "May you always soar to great heights with the wind at your back to push you forward and under your wings for strength and support. May you glide softly and smoothly through life and enjoy the scenery along the way. Success is not always found at the end of the trip, but in the journey." -Anonymous

## Robert Joseph Pratt

Hockey 2.
"Caught in a struggle with your back against the wall. You saw it coming and you all must heed the call. Your time is short and you must decide. The path of action either live or die. The clock is ticking and it's moving fast. Can we move on or are we victims of the past? Racism flourished and it's stronger than before. People are fighting in another local war. The hate must stop and the war must cease. To make this world a place to live we must have peace. Think before you act ... before it's too late ...." -24-7 SPYZ Thanks to Mrs. Cleavall, Mr. Bail, and the rest of my teachers. Good luck Class of 1997-God is with you.

## Jessica Lyn Rae

Office Aide 1; Key Club 1; Spanish Club 1, 2; C.O.P.E. 2; Drama Club 3, 4; Debate Team 4.
After twelve years together, we're finally going our separate ways. My best wishes to the Class of '97. Certain people have made school fun. Sarah-Two years left, you can do it! Stephanie, Andrea, and Melissa-You're my closest friends. We've had lots of fun times. I'll miss you guys. Mike-Buy your own cookies, maybe just a few more. Kate, Sharon, Eric, and Mike-My lunch study buddies. Speeches Rock! Christine-See you at work. Brendan-You're annoying, but I've known you too long not to say hi. In short, good luck to everyone and may all your dreams come true!

## Stephen P. Readout

Best wishes to the Class of 1997.

## Vanessa Lynn Rindone

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4; Future Teachers 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 4; Office Aide 2, 4; Swimming 2; Ziti Dinner, Aegis 3, 4.

Duszer-You live so far away, I never saw you. There's a cockroach on your leg! Say hi to the Grand Chahee! Rinny-My Captain Crunch. Pick one of the ten, man dude dude man. That was for Dani, too, my #1 frosh! Thanks for the Rice Krispie Treats. Lyssa-Lofia! You can put your hands down now! "Vanessa, are you awake? Get out of the room!" Matt-Next time, I'll drive! I swear, I won't choke. Wanna go, punk? Your human mop. The Rest of the Gang-Never lick your clothes dry on cold summer's night. I'll never forget you guys! Cheerleaders-Kristy, need a razor? Drink some Diet Coke for me! Why you swinging? Just kidding! (That's for Jannelle.) Mom, Dad, Jess, and Paul-Thanks for all your help! To the Class of '97-Good luck!

## Andrea Robbins

Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Volleyball 2.

It seems like yesterday we were walking into this enormous building, not knowing where to go. Now four years have passed and we are seniors; we made it. Jessica and Stephanie-It was a fun four years. Good luck. To all of you I am leaving behind-Stick with it and you'll make it. Mrs. Fitz and the office staff-I'll keep in touch. Good luck, Class of '97!

## Christina A. Roberts

Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4 (P.R. rep.); Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Spanish Club 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lynn (D.Q.)-You're my best friend and I'll never forget you or your family. Just think, in less than a year we'll be on our cruise thinking back on all our memories: Fenway Golf, Cape Cod, "backing up", Dairy Queen, finals, and more! Thanks for always being there. Good luck in everything you do and never give up. Don't ever lower your standards! Mom, Dad, and Katie-I love you. Thanks for always being there. Kate-Soon you'll be in high school. Be careful and don't give Mom and Dad too much trouble. Thanks to all my friends! "Normally, life gives you back what you put into it, so put into life as much as you can." - Anonymous

## Zachary Rohlfs

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 1, 4; Science League 4; Debate Team 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; Guys' Chorus 4; Ski Team 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3; Volleyball 4; Latin Club 4; Spanish Club 1; Spartanum 3, 4.

As Mark Twain put it: "There's nothing left to write." I will truly miss you all-Abby, Ann, Betsy, Brian, Chrissy, Eric J., Hayley, Eric W., Josh B., Jade, Jess, Korinne, Laura H., Laura M., Lisa, Meghan, Lynn, Chuck, Katie L., Michelle, Trish, and anyone I might have forgotten. I love you all. "I'm looking at myself, reflections of my mind. It's just the kind of day to leave myself behind; so gently swaying through the fairy land of love if you'll just come with me, you'll see the beauty of Tuesday afternoon." -Moody Blues "Imagination is more important than knowledge." -Albert Einstein

## Christine Romanko

Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 4; Powder Puff 4.

Biz-We have been through a lot together between trips to Madison and November 19th. Thanks for being there for me. Good luck with the rest of school. B'Dog-It's just another one of those days!! Good luck next year and keep rockin'! Mikaela-You can't go to school too far away; who will I go to concerts with?! I'll never forget Quicky's! Alicia-You're my peach without the fuzz. Mom and Dad-Thanks for helping me through the past four years! M.T.-Thanks for everything you're the best! I love you! Good luck to the Class of '97! "The story of life is quicker than the wink of an eye; the story of love is hello and good-bye. Until we meet again." -Jimi Hendrix

## Kiley Rothweiler

Soccer 1, 2; Track 2, 4; French Club 2, 3, 4; Lit Mag 3, 4; Drama 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; S.O.N.A.R. 3; Environmental Action Club 2, 3.

"Remember I was always true. Remember that I always tried. Remember I loved only you. Remember me and smile ... for it's better to forget than to remember me and cry." -Robert Smith Nora-My li'l overweight Chinese tomate. I loved the Mr. Clean look. Watch out for those islands; they tend to jump out at you. Greg-Stop licking me, I'm not a Tootsie Roll. Nicole-Brownies and Cheerios. Where's that music coming from? Amie-What? Barbie doll clothes? Andy-Spacebass. Scott-Don't get bulled over and stop stealing my car! Kayci (Eba)-Be good. No more wild parties. I love you and your insane friends, Beeva, Penelope, Spifa, Jenelle, and Laura. Rock on, Swas. Best of luck to all my other classmates and friends. Mom-Thanks for letting me run around the house naked, even in my later years.

## Brie Ryan

Soccer 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club 2, 3; Track 1; Key Club 2, 3; Homeroom Rep. 4.

Jess-I'm so glad I met you in fifth grade. We've had great times since then and you have always been there for me through the good times and bad. You'll always be my best friend! Good luck in the future! To the rest of my friends-I've had so much fun with you guys these past few years. Now that we're going our own separate ways, good luck. I know you'll succeed. Ben-Try to make the rest of your high school years the best years possible because they go by so fast. Keep trying. I know you can do better! Dad-Thank you for everything! I love you. The hilltop house was the place for me; especially in '95 on New Year's Eve!

## Lindsay A. Sawyer

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Basketball 1, 2; Class Officers (VP) 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; C.O.P.E. Classic 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4.

Four years have come and gone so fast. I might as well have been dreaming. To my countless good friends and teammates-The great times we shared, from sleepovers to just hanging out, will be cherished forever. Together we laughed, we cried, but most importantly, we lived. You all had a profound impact on my life; I only hope I had the same effect on yours. Erin-Not only are you my big sis, but my best friend. Jer-I'm looking out for you, kid. Stay in line and you'll go far. Mom and Dad-Thanks for giving me the space to grow, the desire for success, and a shoulder to cry on. Go ahead and let out that sigh of relief you've been holding in for 17 years. I made it. I graduated. I'm growing up. To the Class of 1997-Don't just live life for the destination, but for what you encounter along the journey. "Celebrate we will, because life is short but sweet for certain." DMB

## Vincent Scordino

Student Council 1, 2; Model Congress 4; Key Club 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Soccer 2; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Mom, Dad, Mary, and Ellen-Thank you. I love you. To all my friends-From freshmen year, listening to Smith tell one of his stories while sitting in Oliveri's backyard, to now as we drive relentlessly in pursuit of a party that doesn't exist, I've had some great times. Thanks. Finally, I'd like to wish the Class of '97 good luck.

## Ryan W. Scully

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Newspaper 2, 3, 4; Model Congress 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Latin Club 4 (president); Ziti Dinner; Spartanum 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Rep. 4.

"People said I was a little crazy, so I just answered 'Or am I so sane that it just blew your mind?'" -Kramer Mom and Dad-Thanks for believing in me. Maybe I didn't know everything after all. Jackie-Stay out of trouble! Take care of Mom for me. Patrick-You're my best friend. Don't ever change. Chris-Thanks for the laughs. I couldn't have made it without you. Tom-You're the best listener I know. Thanks! Dan-Thanks for the Red Sox support and the "Happy" times. Emily, Kirsten, Krista, and Chrissy-You've made the last few years more fun than you know. John, Bill, Matt, Paul, and anyone else I'm forgetting-Thanks for the memories! My philosophy of life has always been: Have fun first, everything else second. Whatever you do in life, make sure it is something you enjoy or life isn't worth living.

## Karen Lee Shaw

Class Officer 1, 2 (VP), 3, 4 (president); Student Council 3, 4; C.O.P.E. 2; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Key Club 2, 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Spartanum 3, 4.

To the Class of '97-"It seems like hundreds of years and it also seems like no time at all. I don't know. Some things haven't changed at all, really, and the world has changed." -Jerry Garcia These past four years have been memorable, full of people who I will never forget. Good luck, everyone! To my family-Thanks for the support and for making me who I am. I love you. Ms. Stankiewicz-Thanks for everything. You're a great teacher and friend. Dave-Don't ever give up. I will believe in you and will love you forever. Sam and Susan-Ears and feet. Always wear your toga, sit on your futon, and drink your syrup. Go, go, Godzilla. You're still my best friends. I'll miss you and I love you both. "Every individual has a place to fill in the world and is important in some respect, whether he chooses to be so or not." -Nathaniel Hawthorne

## Megan Shaw

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (manager); Girls' State 3; C.O.P.E. 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Many memories have been made here in these past four years. Our lives have changed so dramatically. I will never forget all the experiences I have had at ELHS. Susan-We have shared so many great times together (Florida, pm.lts., Jimmy Buffet, and Sunday mornings). Our relationship gives perfect meaning to "best friends". Steve-You will always hold a special place in my heart. Bri, Maggie, Kate, Tiff, Sarah, and all the guys-Friday nights would never have been the same without all of you. Mom and Dad-Thank you for all of the support! Ryan-Good luck with the rest of your high school years. Enjoy life to the fullest! Good luck to the Class of 1997!

## Stephen Silansky

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Hockey 2; Spanish Club 1; Spartanum 3, 4; Key Club 4.

M.S.-Need a glass of water for your throat? M.P.-Been in a coma lately? T.L.-Maybe you'll come out this summer, whipped. M.L.-I wanna go home! R.D.-Bubbles. R.B.-Slowdown, "KID." L.D.-Yeah, yeah cap game. P.W.-Off me. V.S.-You should invest in more driving lessons. T.C.-Flowbee! E.L., J.D., K.G., A.R.-Thanks for all the good times. S.B.-Study was fun, you've been a good friend. M.E.-You're the best. We've had a lot of good times, with hopefully many more to come, and if you ever need anything, I'm here. As the future approaches. I look forward to the good times and fear the bad, but I know my friends will always be there.

## Sharon Singh

Environmental Club 1; Office Aide 3; Key Club 2; C.O.P.E. 3, 4.

Our final year at ELHS is now over, but we will always have fond memories to look back on. Nicole and Christine-Thanks for being there for me through the years. Christine-I'll never forget the strange but interesting people we met. Nicole-I'm going to miss all those weird things we did (butterfly). Melinda-Our classes together were fun, although we didn't burn enough stuff. Jess, Stephanie, and Kate-You make me laugh a lot. Lea-Art's been great. By the way, a few words of advice: stay away from suitcases. To everyone else-I wish you luck in your dreams for the future. Mom, Dad, and Ryan-Thank you for supporting me though my high school years.

## Brienne J. Smith

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain 3 & 4); Basketball 1, 2, 4; Ski Team 3; Softball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4 (VP); Powder Puff 1, 4; Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4 (director); C.O.P.E. Classic 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook 2, 3, 4.

KB-many years, many memories, many more to come. Remember hiding in your bathroom, Niagara, the squirrels. TC-Only wish we became friends sooner. Every time I crashed you were there. Next time turn off the heat yourself. MC-You may be lazy, but you can still hang. Could always count you in! Still think Sarah didn't get it! SC-CASCADE my seat! Like a Brienne! Gwaar! MS-At times I thought I'd strangle you; it made our friendship stronger. You know it! Nooch-Thanks for listening. You're the best! Guys-Thanks for making E.L. ice cold. I'm gonna miss you all! Soccer team-Thanks for making my senior year unforgettable. Good luck next year. I love you guys! Coach G.-You helped make me a better player and a better person. Thanks!

## Michael Smith

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (co-captain); Swimming 1, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Rep. 4; Spartanum 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; Aegis 2, 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4.

"Life. It goes by fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you might miss it." -Ferris Bueller. It's almost over, and these were supposed to be the best years of our lives. For me they were, and I know I couldn't have spent them with better people. To all my friends, especially SS, ML, VS, TC, TL, RB, MP, RD, PW, RS, BS, KB, CS, SN, JD, LD, ME, KG, AR, LM, and yeah, even EL-Thanks for everything. Allison and Brian-Good luck, I know you'll do great! To the Class of '97-"Carpe Diem!"

## Ryan Smith

Good luck to the Class of '97! Thanks for four great years!

## Kari Ann Speight

Soccer 1, 2; Volleyball 3, 4 (captain); Spanish Club 1, 2; Newspaper 3; Mascot 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4; Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner.

To all my friends-You have all been very supportive through the years. I hope I have been, too. I wish you all success and happiness in the future. Sarah and Lynn-You know my stomach is a bottomless pit, but I also want you to know that you guys have been my best friends and I don't want anything to come between us, ever! Anthony-You have made high school very exciting and enjoyable. We'll have to see what the future brings, but I'll always hold our memories close to my heart.

## William M. Spriggs, Jr.

M.E.T.C.O. 1, 2, 3, 4; Voc. Tech.-Food Service 1, 2, 3, 4; Work-Study 4.

I live in Springfield with my mother and three adopted brothers. From them I have learned a great deal about caring and responsiblity. I have learned how to be flexible and accepting of others. For example, my mother has taught me to be self confident and to make good decisions. I respect her for how she has raised me and I realize that my family is a major part of who I am today. While in high school, I have worked hard to acquire the skills that would benefit my future. The M.E.T.C.O. program has given me guidance and led me to attend the Voc. Tech. Center in the Food Service Program. As a senior, I am in the Work Study Program. This has enabled me to preview "The World of Work" and the impact it will have on my life. I have learned that I can set and reach my goals. I feel I am well prepared to make the transition from school to a promising career.

## Chris Spring

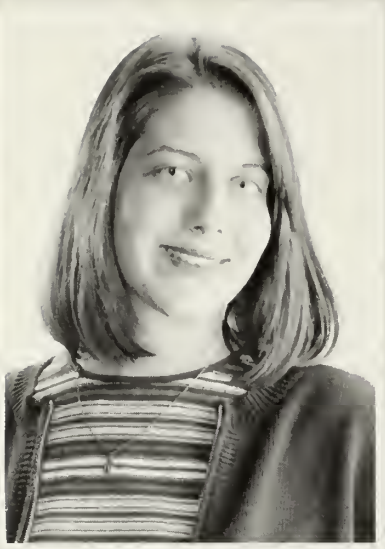
Baseball 3, 4; Football 4; Newspaper 4.

I'll never forget my two years here at ELHS ... at least not for a little while. I can't thank everybody I should in this space, so I won't try. Overall I enjoyed the people and the different teachers here. To all the underclassmen and the faculty: Stay strong during that 86th minute of class next year. It's with mixed feelings that I realize adolescence is almost over. I could use a few more years of being a kid. Have a good one E.L. "The other day I was ..., no, wait, that wasn't me." -Stephen Wright

## David Steele

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Ski Team 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Key Club 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; French Club 3; Ziti Dinner; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 4.

What a crazy trip it's been. Jeff and Ant-We could always merchandise or hit Taco Bell. Karen-You've been a great cousin, and a better friend. Hi Sue! Dre and Kir-My two favorite gym partners. Brent-We always got lunch block. Sarah-Time and time again ... Ericka-I'll never forget you. Jess-It's been great, good luck next year. Special thanks to the teachers for everything. Ms. Stankiewicz- Thanks for being there anytime. To my family-Thanks for never giving up on me and pushing me to the limit. Finally, I want to wish good luck to the Class of '97. and may God bless you all. Bumblebee Tuna. Jim Carey rules!



## Cynthia S. Steere

Cheerleading 1, 2; Spartanum 1, 2, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3; Spanish Club 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Future Teachers 2; Ziti Dinner.

Good luck to the Class of '97! Bill-Thank you for my happiness, your smile, honesty, and all the w.e. You are my Jewel. I love you. Bee-"We go together." I'll always share my food with you. Never let the butterfly in you die. Drive water-cars. Hail Jesus. You are the wind beneath my wings. Love ya lots. Nikki-You're Gumpy with a capital "B". I miss you. Love you. Thanks for listening and confiding. My house is always open, but leave my shirts out of it. Chain-My pic, I'll never forget you. Don't miss the midnight train to Georgia and watch out for the rats. Flash. Scottie-Gimme five and thanks for the help with Betty. Kris-Hey, Shorty. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for your love and support.

## Sara Stepanian

C.O.P.E. 2, 4; Softball 2; Ziti Dinner.

To my parents-Thanks. I got this far. You were always there for me and I know you always will be. To my sister-Thanks for putting up with me. To my brother-Make the best of your high school years. They go by fast. Kristi-We remained friends all the way from kindergarten (with a few exceptions). Lucia-I still think of you as my best friend. I know we have both changed but you will always be there and I thank you for that. Thanks again to Mom, Dad, Gina, and David. To everyone in the Class of 1997-It's been fun. Good luck.

## Corinne M. Stevens

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 4; Spanish Club 2; Latin Club 4; Ziti Dinner.

Jen, Katie, Vanessa, and Dusza-Of all my friends, I could always count on the four of you. No matter what problems I had I knew you would always be there for me. Thank you for everything. To ALL my friends-We've had some great times together. From sneaking out, driving around, and bowling, to praising yellow cars, hanging out, and partying all night, we always had fun. Don't forget that's what really counts. Cheerleading Buddies-I'm really going to miss you all. You're the greatest! My life wouldn't be the same without you. You are all like sisters to me. Thanks for making my senior year so much fun. I love you all. Ray-Without your threats I would've screwed up a long time ago! I may not always show it, but I do appreciate you. Good luck to the Class of '97!

## Asia Maria Sade Stewart

Chorus 2; Words Not Weapons 2.
Time flies! Friends are leaving, school's out. Hooray! I accomplished my expectations. Now I'm off to college, reaching for my goals: modeling, acting, becoming a dentist, and marrying my heart, Kevin Freeman (you've got me twist). I'm looking back, remembering friends. Monique-I got a motor. James-Never wrong. Domar-Instigator. Mike-Oh my hair. Eboni-Olympic runner and my sister. Erika-Who kept it real. I've had ups and downs, but through it all, no matter what, I hung in there, because of positive vibes. My mother, father, and brothers-Thanks. One thing I'll never forget about ELHS is the teachers. Ms. Burke-Thanks for encouraging me to stay in school. Mr. Cooley and Mr. Kerson always kept me smiling.

## Erica Stoddard

Wow! I can't believe I'm graduating. I will never forget the friends and the memories I've made. Kristen-We were the best darn lab partners ever, even if we killed our bug. Leah-We'll never know what "the thing" is. Ryan (a.k.a. Mr. Sarcastic)-Got any gum? Meghan-We'll always have O'Scho's English. Laura-We'll always be friends. I hope everyone has a great time next year, you deserve it. Marianne-"If I could talk I'd tell you, if I could smile I'd let you know, you are far and away my most imaginative friend." Elizabeth-We'll always be best friends. Mom and Dad-I love you very much and couldn't have done it without you.

## Danielle Suchcicki

Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4 (Sec./Treas.); Debate Team 1, 2, 3, 4 (Captain); Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (Manager); Tennis 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Model Congress 3, 4; As Schools Match Wits 3, 4; Close-Up 3; Ziti Dinner 4; Spartanum 4.
Mom and Dad-Thank you for all of your love and support. You were always there when I needed you whether I knew it or not. David, Katelyn, and Peter-Make the most of your life. Hard work pays off in the end. Sue-What's green and flies in a white Lexus? You've been a great friend. Thanks for all your help. Hanover is lucky to have you. Michelle-Future Vandy princess. What can I say? Your entourage amazes me. Keep me informed about any new additions. Lynn-My oldest friend. I know you'll succeed at whatever you do. Jennie-Your blood runs Navy blue and gold. To everyone else-Good luck in the future on whatever path you choose. "Search and flight, time and change, starward bound, we are found." -C. Santilli

## Kristy Sullivan

Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 4; Key Club 1, 2; Aegis 2, 3; Ziti Dinner.

"Some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, but I had a good life all the way." -Jimmy Buffet. Katie-Thanks for being there for me even though I've never been in the military. Don't ever forget stump circles, big ol' trucks, Spaghetti O's and peanut butter and getting saucy. That boy from Iceland, spilled perfume, rolling in the mud, and rumbles in the snow. Brie-Watch out for those curbs! Dusza-Crazy stupid! Don't mess with her or ... yup, yup! Corinne-Remote control night! My casino! Cheerleaders-Thanks for four "swingin'" years, making evil cookies, being telepathic, crazy diamond spearheads, and that scary guy outside with an electric pizza cutter.

## Lisa Sweeney

Soccer 1, 2, 3; Cheerleading 1, 2; Spartanum 2; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4.

Melanie-Want to go shopping? Thanks for being a great friend and I hope all your dreams come true. Amanda-The wook, met, and the VW. Always remember the 14 pound wonder. It's the only one that fits. Nicole-Got any lipstick? The big, bad B's, helmet-head, and the old hag. Thanks for all the gum. Remember the hacker. Joe-You're a great brother. Becca-You're a wonderful sister and I love you a lot.

## Susan F. Swords

Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; C.O.P.E. 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4 (editor); French Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Health Advisory Council 3; As Schools Match Wits 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4 (president); C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 4; Mock Trial 4; Spartanum 4.

I know it's seemed that I've always had words to describe everything, but the idea of leaving ELHS has left me speechless. The experiences that have up until now determined who I am will soon fade into memories, and I'm afraid that those memories will fade as well. Mom, Dad, and Dan-Any success I've had is owed to all your love, advice, and support. To all my friends-You've made these years unbelievable. Jennie-It amazes me that I've put up with you for all this time. Laura-Thanks for helping me deal with Jennie! Danielle-You've been a great friend (I owe you!) Korinne-You're definitely the most original person I know. Thanks for all the laughs! Meghan-Thanks for being there. I'll see you in Hanover! Mich-Always remember Virginia. Someday we'll return! Class of 1997-Achieve your dreams but always remember where you came from. We're a part of each other and nothing can change that. Good luck!

## Jennifer Talbot

Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Key Club 2; Cheerleading 2; Ziti Dinner; C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4; Spartanum 4.

"Your problem is to bridge the gap which exists between where you are now and the goal you intend to reach." -Earl Nightingale. Mom and Dad-Thank you for everything. You're the greatest. Love you guys! Dan-You're the best big brother anyone could ask for. Love Ya! Joe-I would never give you away, even though you're a brat. Love ya! My family-You're the best. My friends-Couldn't have done it without you! Eric-You're my angel. Tin-Three years is a long time. Don't ever forget it. I love you! Angie-Watch out for cupcakes! Best buds forever. Craig-You're the best. Sam J-Superman. Corinne-Lipstick anyone? Sam C.-Spotlight; Tiffany. Beth-Where's Cynthia? Melanie-Art! Love you guys! Thanks!!

## Alicia Janine Taylor

Track 1; Ziti Dinner.

Mick, Marisa, Heather, and Chrissy-You rock. I love you guys. Thank you, Mazz, Miss Picard, Ms. McCormick, and my family. Thanks for the five-year plan, ELHS.

## Christopher John Themistos

Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4 (president); French Club 2, 3, 4; Spartan Spectator 3, 4; Ziti Dinner; S.A.C. 3; Mock Trial 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama 3; As Schools Match Wits 4; Powder Puff 4.

Our prelude to the real world is almost over. We all want out of here, but are we ready? Yes! I can't imagine going through ELHS with any other class. Greg-Thirteen years is a long time. You're a great friend. Ryan-Maybe you really are Superman. Tom-You could always read my mind. Mike, John, Jay, Bill, Matt-We did have fun, didn't we? Chrissy, Emily, Kirsten, Krista-A smile from one of you was all that was needed to brighten my day. I'm glad we became such good friends. J.C.-Let me be an extra in your first movie? To all my friends and family-Thank you for helping me so much. I couldn't have done it without you. Just remember: "One became great by expecting the possible, another by expecting the eternal; but he who expected the impossible became the greatest of all." Expect the impossible. Good luck Class of 1997!

## Jessica E. Thomas

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner.
First, I would like to say good luck to the Class of 1997. People always said these four years would fly by and they were right. Kristen-I still want to know what happened to the banana boat! We never did get to go sailing in it! Katy-What posessed you to hang from the ceiling light? Kari and Sarah-You guys are the best. Don't change. Austin-My sister was right about you. You're a sweet guy. Sean-Bickford's wouldn't be the same without you there. Nick-Thank you for listening to my problems during X-blocks. You will always be a good friend to me. Cheryl-Thanks for being such a great sister and friend. You're the best. Mom-Thank you for being there for me and helping me throughout high school! Good luck to all my friends and to the Class of '97!

## Katie Thompson

Key Club 1; Latin Club 4; Spanish Club 2; Ziti Dinner.
"So many faces in and out of my life, some will last, some will just be now and then. Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes. I'm afraid it's time for goodbye again."-Billy Joel. Kristy-You mean so much to me. I hope we end up like the lunch lady and Fro Woman. Brie-What can I say? You always make me laugh. Muh muh!! $.10! Melissa-My watch was $9,766,342.37!! Corinne-JACKS didn't last, but we did. Thanks for hanging in there all these years. Brent-You didn't think I'd leave you out? No matter where we end up you'll always be my Li'l Pumpkin. Never say never!! Travis-You stuck by me when it was rough and I'll always love you for that!

## Brian Tondera

Hockey 1, 2; Powder Puff; C.O.P.E. Classic 1, 2, 4; Ziti Dinner.
One time ... I'd like to thank my parents for being there for me throughout these last five years, it was interesting to say the least. To everyone who's made it real-We've had some pretty kickin' times and hopefully, many more. Rimp's and Russ's can't wait for wiff season again, and maybe we'll find something to do. Good luck to everyone.

## Rebecca E. Tougas

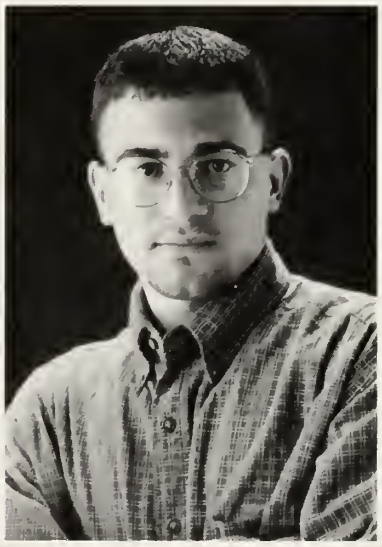
Soccer 1, 2; Cross Country 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, 3; Key Club 4, Swimming (manager); Spartanum 4, Ziti Dinner.

Good luck Class of '97! Cyn-Soaring high together or coming down to reality, we made it through both good and bad. I love you lots, remember you can always "lean on me." "I don't want to misremember that. I could never forget where you're at." -Gavin Rossdale. Kyle-You are FANTASTIC! Thanks for all your "patience". Bryan-Hey Be Fren, congrats on the "piece". P.S. Sometimes three can be a crowd! Scott-Just kidding! Try and keep the lying down to a minimum. Nicole-Watch for falling bikes! Cori-Don't forget B.M., the place where a soap opera can come to life! Katie, Lauren, and Jen-Good luck, have fun, and stay out of trouble! To my family-Thanks for all your love and support throughout the years. "Like a kite cut from the string, slowly the soul of my youth has taken flight."

## Antonio Truoiolo

Power Puff 1, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 2, 4, Spartanum 4; Ziti Dinner.

To the Class of '97-The past four years have been the best years of my life. I couldn't have asked for better people to spend them with. To all the Fellas (You know who you are)-Thanks for all the good memories. To the Ladies-Even though there's only four of you, you're still great, and it wouldn't have been the same without you. I wish you all the best in whatever you do! To my family-Thanks for sticking by me and putting up with everything. You're the best. To the Underclassmen-Enjoy it while it lasts. Make every minute count, because it goes by way too fast. Good luck!



## Gina Urbini

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Ziti Dinner 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 1, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 1, 2, 3, 4; Office Aide 3; Spartanum 4.

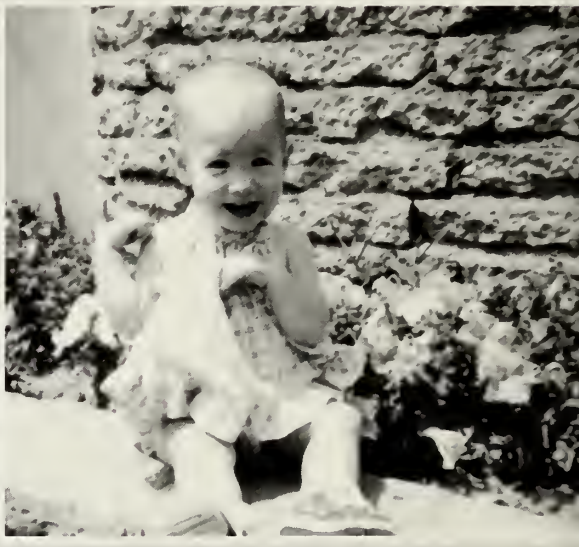
First of all, I would like to thank my parents for supporting me in all that I do. Christina-I'll never forget our talks that we had 'till 2 a.m. Thanks for all of the advice. To my boyfriend, Brian-Thank you for being there for me when I needed someone to talk to. We've had some great times together: at the beach, the Fourth of July, and wherever we went together. I hope there's many more to come. I love you. To all my friends-Don't ever forget the fun times we've had throughout the years. To the Girls' Soccer Team-Keep on flexing! Congratulations to the Class of '97 and good luck to the Class of '98.

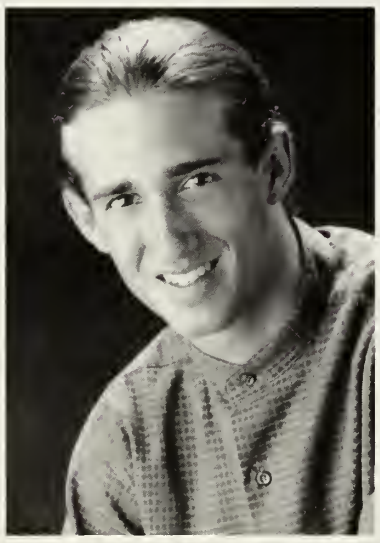
## Nicole Verteramo

Track 1; Tennis 2; French Club 3, 4; Environmental Action Club 1; C.O.P.E. 1.
Marcus-Even though sometimes you're a brat, you're a good brother. Good luck. Tee and Pooh-It was a green light! V.C.-What are all those people standing there for? Don't touch my cat, Football-head. It's been fun. I'll never forget you guys. Bert-Pink construction boots, the chicken sucks, smell like daisies? Bobo, YAM, country. Thanks for always being there when I needed you, Lisa and Melbell-Helmet-head, haggy, got any lipstick?, B's, huck, turtleneck. Heather-She'll have the large! Viola, healthclub, catwoman. Becca-Flying bikes, driving school, when will it go away? James-The piano, jet, pinkhouse, how's the gum? To everyone else-Thanks, it was great! Good luck Class of '97!

## Bonnie A. Waite

Office Aide 1, 2, 3, 4; Future Teachers of America 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Ziti Dinner.
We finally did it! Even through the good times and bad, we made it. Thank you to all my teachers who have given me that extra push to get me through my high school years. Thank you to Mr. Calabrese, Ms. Suchcicki, Ms. Jenkins, Mr. Matulewicz, Ms. Christopher, and Ms. Welborn for helping me get a start on my teaching career. Thank you to my parents and my sisters. Andrea and Erin-Good luck in your last year of high school. Have fun! Candace-Your high school years fly by; make them good ones. Kari and Sara-Nothing beats H.B. '95. Tony-You'll always have a special place in my heart. Good luck guys!





## Noah Wheeler

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Ski Team 1, 2, 4.
Returning to E.L. was the best decision I could have made. Looking back, freshman year seems like yesterday. "Time flies when you're having fun" is what it all comes down to. I'm proud of all my friends. When it came to the weekends, we definitely took care of business. So many memories run through my head as I look back on the past four years. Mom and Dad-Thank you for having confidence in me. I couldn't have made it without you guys.

## Timothy Willets

Good luck to the Class of 97.

## Patrick Woodard

My mother always told me that if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Well, it didn't work, Mom. Romper Room is over and it's time to pack the baggage and head north, so off me. Thanks to the boy scouts who made me laugh throughout the year. M.L.-Don't worry, it's not you, it's her. T.L.-Take a plane. Keep playing stick. S.S.-You wanna throw bones with me? T.C.-Watch your back, headbutt. A.O.-School starts at 7:30, big guy. J.D.-Collabrative talks, "Problem", the book of self-esteem, you fool. S.M.-Keep your head up, Wayne. To the Class of '97-Pursue your dreams and don't be the first to break the seal.

## Nicolas S. Yacavone

Soccer 1; Ziti Dinner.
I guess this is my last year. I would really like to thank my parents and all my teachers who helped me get through it. I would like to wish everyone good luck and I hope you all succeed. To all my friends-Thanks for making my high school years the best, especially you, Amy. We've had some great times together and I will never forget them. Fonzie-I will always remember all the stupid things we did together and all the fun we had. Thanks a lot and remember, "Buy American." Jess-Thanks for the advice and company in X-blocks. It really helped me a lot. To my little sister, Theresa-Good luck and thanks for everything. Mike-Good luck in all you do.

## William R. Yorns Jr.

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4 (captain); Newspaper 3, 4 (photo editor); Tennis 1, 3, 4; Latin Club 4; NHS 4 (member-at-large); Golf 2; Science Team 3, 4; C.O.P.E. Classic 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4 (president); Spartanum 4.

Good luck to the Class of 1997. Mom and Dad-Thanks for putting up with me. I'll try to make you proud. I love you. Lindsay-You're great competition. Keep it up. I'll come back often to beat you up. Cyndy-You've changed me forever. I will always be here for you. I love you. W.C. and H.C. Jay-Thanks for all the great times. Keep your chin up; cream always rises to the top. Jeff-I can't wait to see your name in lights. Thanks for the laughs. Nick-The soccer pro who gets all the women. Hope you had a great time. Keep in touch. To the rest of the gang: Mike, John, Tom, Tos, Matt, Dan, and Scully-Thanks for being there. I had a great time. "But thus is it. And as, in ethics, evil is a consequence of good, so, in fact, out of joy is sorrow born." -Edgar Allen Poe

## Laura Youmell

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

Well, it's finally here and I made it! I thought school would never end, but instead it flew by. Lora, TJay, Jamie (long gone, lost friend)-Sophomore year was the greatest. I can't say that about any other: the skipping, the you-know-what. Amanda-Been friends for ever, been through it all. It's all been good, though. To my parents-Can't believe YOU made it through my sophomore year, the worst for you. Sorry. Thanks to Mrs. Picard for teaching me that math. No one else could. Jay-Love ya always. C-ya.

## Kristopher Mark Young

EAC 1, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Aegis 2, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2; Science League 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Spartanum 2, 3, 4; Drama 3, 4; Debate 3, 4; Volleyball 3, 4 (captain); Tennis; Lit Mag 3, 4; Newspaper 4; Ziti Dinner.

To everyone in our class-Good luck in whatever direction you're going in after high school. Scott-What can I say? You've been my best friend for as long as I can remember. Whether it was playing basketball in the snow, kitchen baseball, or going to IHOP at four in the morning and me almost choking, we've had some great times together. Good luck in the future and always keep in touch. "Suit the action to the word, the word to the action." -Shakespeare

## John W. Zilch

Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4 (Captain); Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Newspaper 2, 3, 4 (Sports Editor); Track 2, 3, 4; Spartanum 3, 4; Basketball 1; Mock Trial 3, 4; Ziti Dinner.

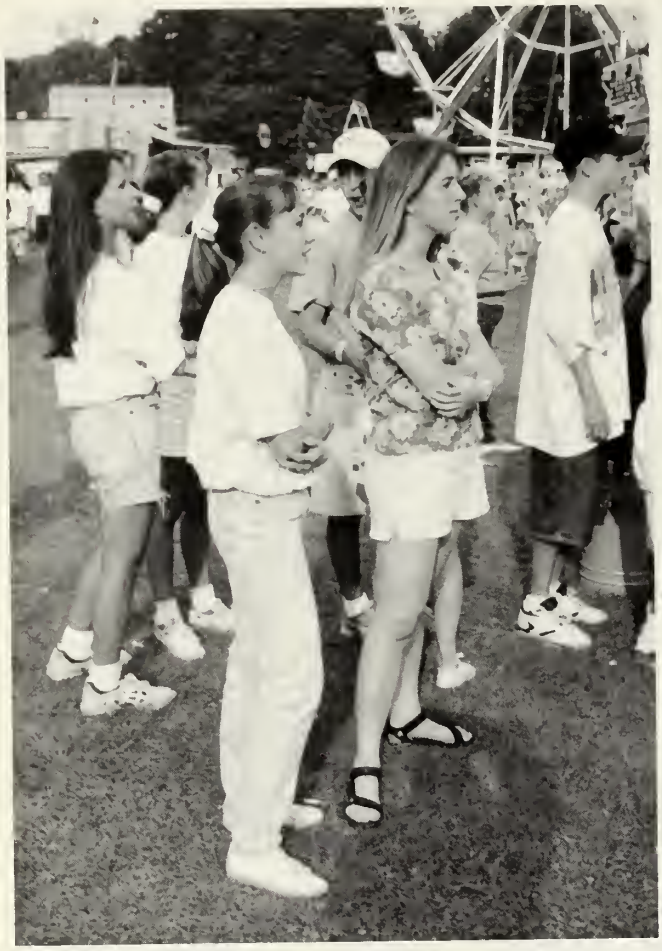
I'd like to start off by wishing my class the best of luck in the future. The four years I have spent at ELHS were fun, exciting, challenging, and will always be remembered. To Josh, Bryan, Greg, and Kyle: The best of luck next year in school. Hopefully, I'll catch up with you as the time goes on. To the Cross Country Team: Keep putting in the miles. To my family: Thanks for all the support.

CLASS

OF 1997

Low foursomes...

...and High Fives!



Carnival cruising- Rule # 1: See and be seen.

Everyone here kindly step to the rear and let a winner take the stage.

"I can't bear to look. Mr. Dumpty, are you O.K.?"

SENIORS * SUCH IS LIFE

Ornaments of Society- Mike and Mrs. Burke spread a little Christmas cheer.

Which of these things is not like the other ones? Which of these things is not like anythi the planet Earth?

'e've got trouble boys, with a capital T and that rhymes with P and that stands for POOL!"

speaking of pool, it seems the Solids and Stripes have joined forces at Birchland Park OOL.

Enough with the billiards! Didn't ya' notice we're COOL?

Zach pities the man who doesn't study. He's no FOOL!!

"Conic sections? You're CRUEL!!

Fear not, troubled tennis fans. Just say Noah.

Calculus really is used in life. Kurt, Jennie, and Laura demonstrate the change in slope (d
of a linear equation.

This just in ...

... Superman has rescued Elvis from the Great Beyond.



The best college west of the Appalachains is A.) Indiana U., B.) Indiana U., C.) Indiana U., D.) Air Force Academy???

Somebody hug me! My parents don't glove me anymore.

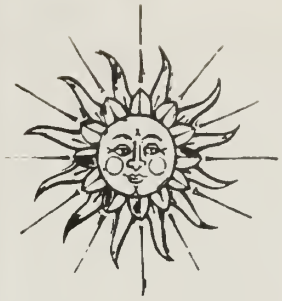
Who ordered the tongue Samwich?

Give me a Shirley Temple, and put it in a dirty glass.

Sometimes life really IS the pits.

Dan the man, as usual, leads the Spartans in the 800 m.

SENIORS * SUCH IS LIFE



Life Between Summers

UNDERCLASSMEN

# Life goes on, and on, and on ...

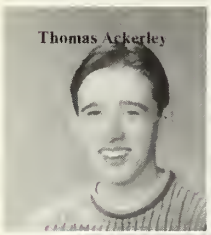
# JUNIORS

"... why don't you just tell me the caption you'd like me to write?"

They're crazy and they're kooky ... the Addams Family!

AP Modern Chapter 12: The Advent of the Isms (in this case, cannibalism).





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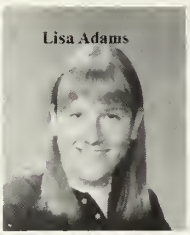

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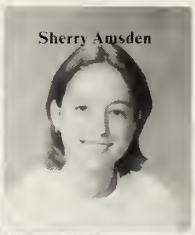
Jessika Alexander

Jade Alessandro



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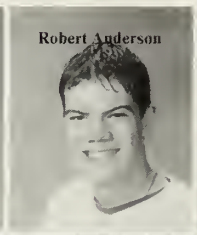

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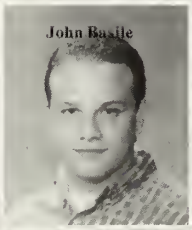

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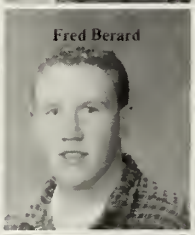

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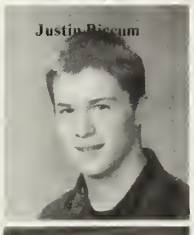
Michelle Bergeron

Michael Bernazki



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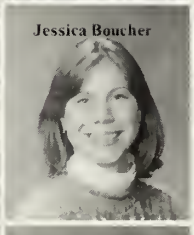

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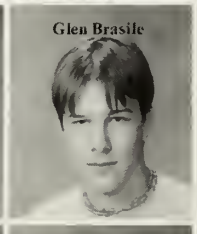

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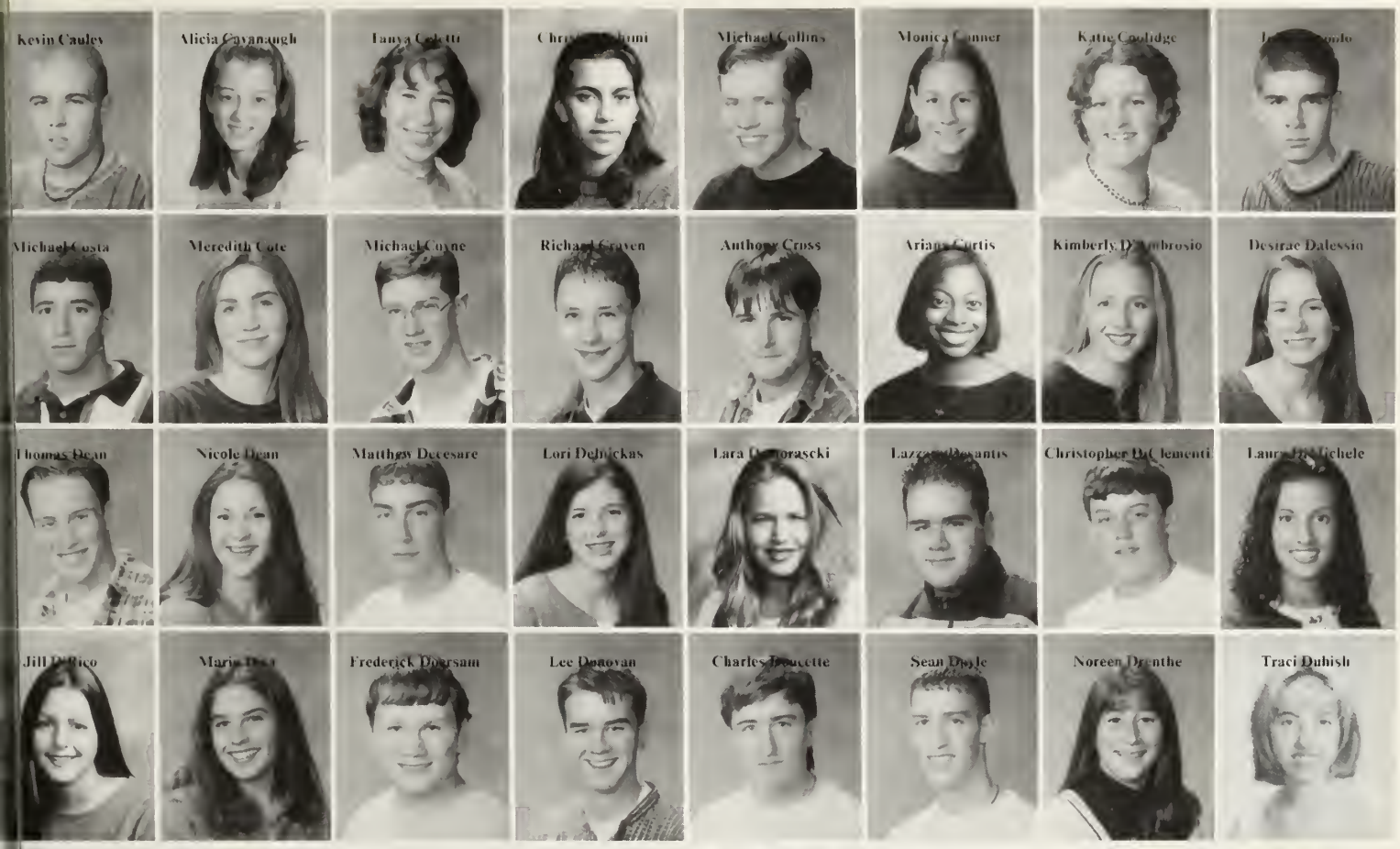


Everyday in Physics class is a hair-raising adventure.

Just me and the boys-Mike, Reno, and T.J. hit the books.

CROP walkers raised $1000 for the battle to end world hunger.

And now ... Welcome to Kendall's dating game.

Where's Chrissy?

We dig dig dig dig dig dig dig in a mine the whole day through ...

Will the circle be unbroken? Mr. Carey leads the class in a shocking experience.

Getting cheeky ... Lori and Jason create their own slide show.

Veni, Vidi, Vici ...

A dollar says Pat will catch whatever's coming.

# JUNIORS

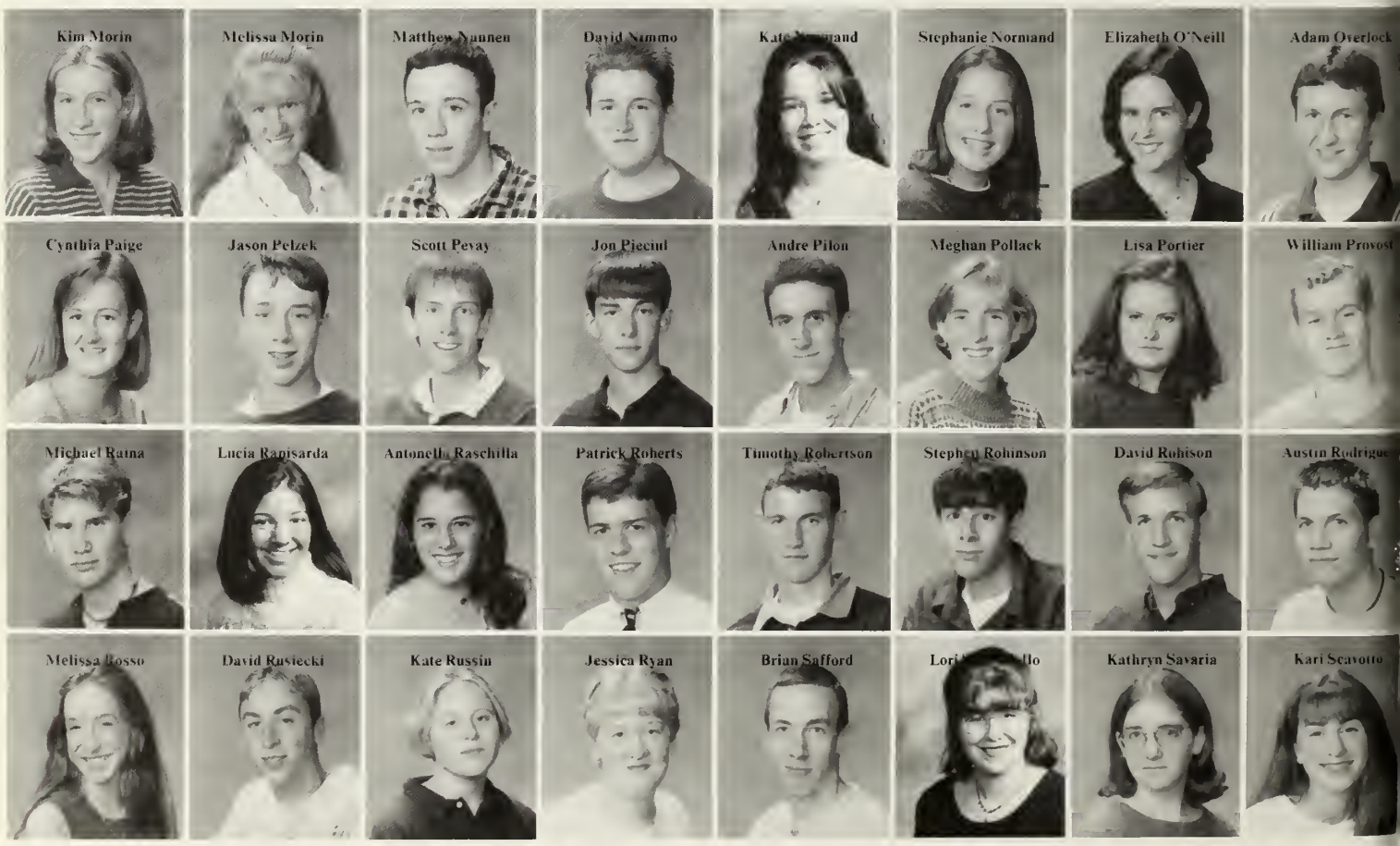
Anticipation- Lori counts down to the end of the block in room 223.

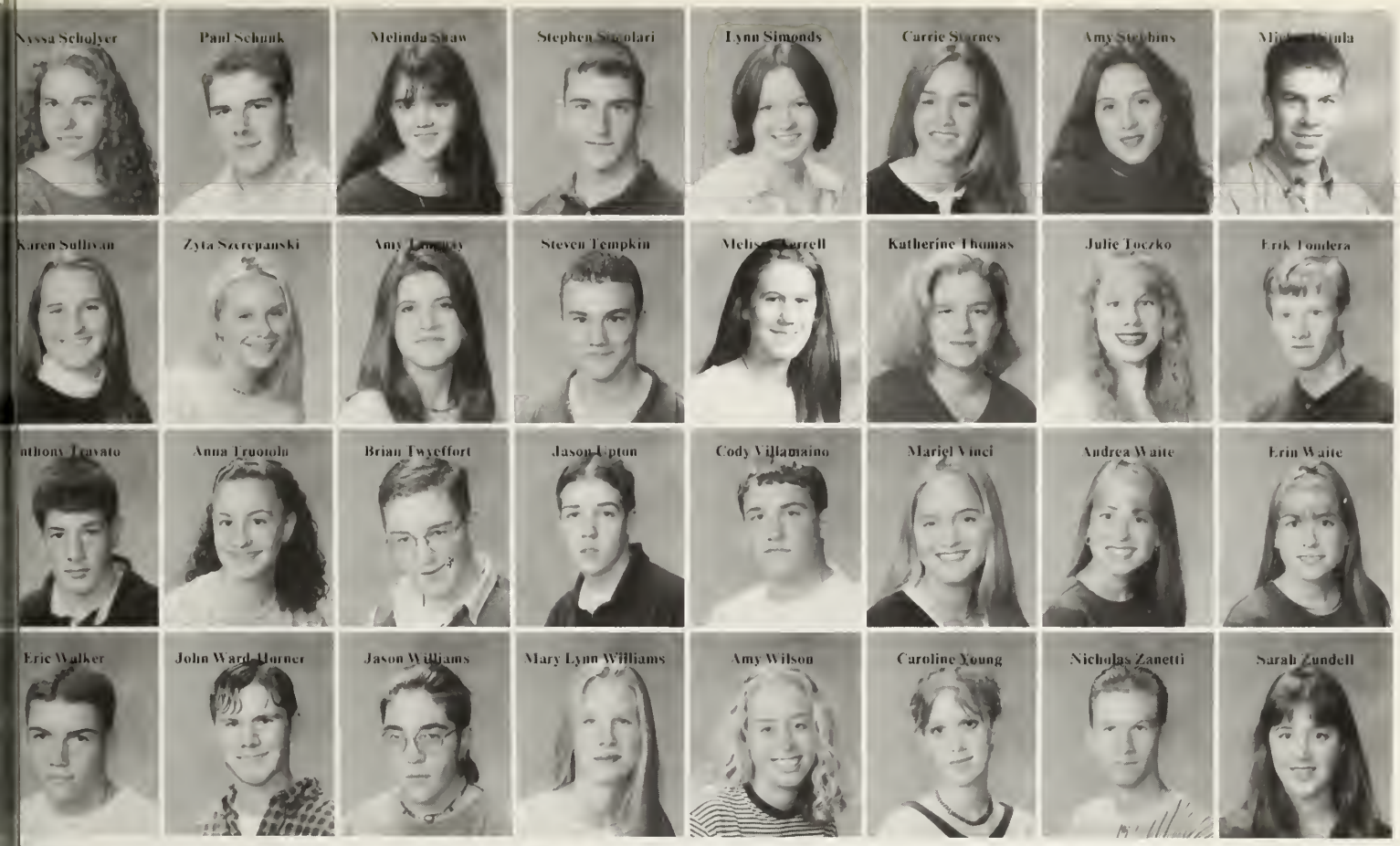
There is a smile of love, and a smile of deceit, and there is a smile smiles in which these two smiles meet.

LOOK OUT!!!

Must you be so graphic? Matt and Brian get an emphatic lesson fr Mr. Agin.







Now what?

Sean Edwards' dream ride.

Boys' night out.

# SOPHOMORES

Jason Dean bows to the Locker Gods

Field Hockey Rule #1: Never wear flavored lip balm; always concentrate on the game.

Hey guys, can you, like, pass the ball to me, like, sometime toda

UFO #13? Joe John goes airborne against the Lancers.

Pride goeth before a fall? Nicole congratulates herself on a job well done.

Here's looking at you, kid.

# SOPHOMORES

Where's the Maytag Man? Mr. Maller's homeroom gets the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

Life on the edge-Kristen hangs with the guys.

Stroke of genius-Carla's goal vs. Smith Academy clinched a first round tournament victory for the Spartans.

"You're getting sleepy, verrrrrrry sleepy ..."

"So this guy walks into a bar ..."

Which one of these kids does not belong?

"I can see my house from here!"

"Joe, there's something I've been wanting to tell you for a long time."

# SOPHOMORES

"I'll trade you one 'Player of the game' lotion for two 'Player of the game' key chains!"

April showers her friends with a smile.

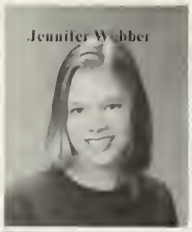
Giddyup!

The agony of the feet.

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting ..."

Hey, hey, it's the Monkees!

Jennifer Weaver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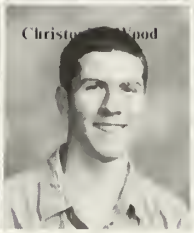

Christo[illegible]wood

Jaime Young

Karla Znoj

Jonathan Zanetti

Stair Masters. Margaret Ann, Andrea, and Jayme get a workout.

This is a holdup!



# SOPHOMORES

Cornered? Celine and Caroline share a moment.

Sophomore hang out. In the pool is where you're cool.

Operator! What's the number for 9-1-1? Operator?

The woman's place is in the kitchen? Alex changes the old cliche.

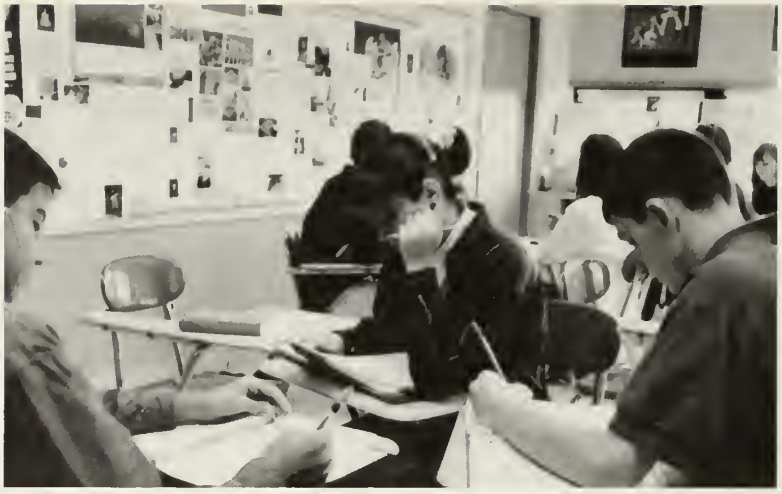
A red letter day ...

The tie (dyes) that bind ... Kerry and Jen thought the Halloween Dance was groovin'.

Now serving number 5 ....

t did the little acorn say when it grew up? GEOMTY!

# FRESHMEN

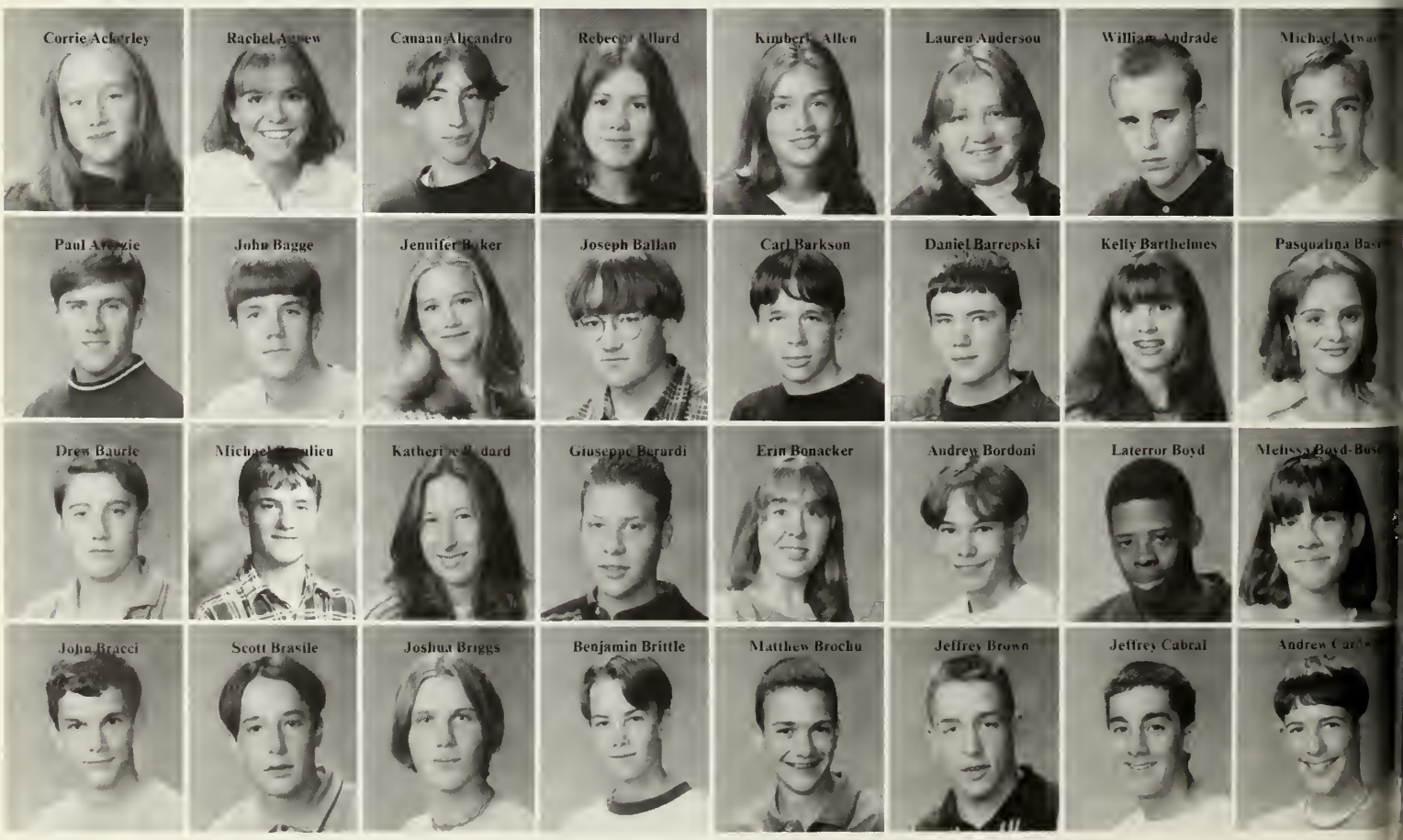


Eye to eye, knee to knee, Mrs. Leib says this is the way vocab should be.

Pay attention Jeff, and "Zilch" won't be your name for long.

Sock it to 'em, Laura! Josh is there to back you up!





Ahhhh! My hair's caught in the typewriter!!!!

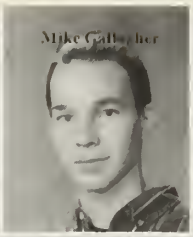
Fidalgo! A twitch here, a spasm there, and suddenly you're ing.

Genuine Rolex. I swear it.

Karoline Flynn

Brandi Gannon

Leanne Gallagher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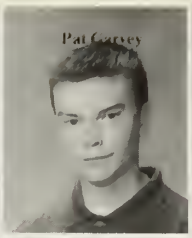
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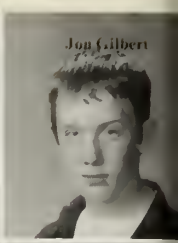
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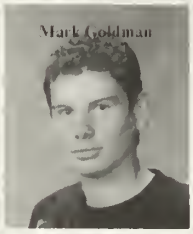
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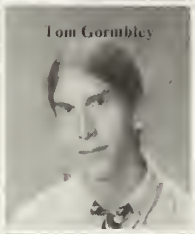
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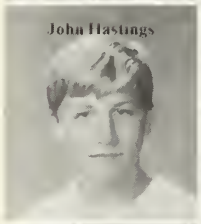
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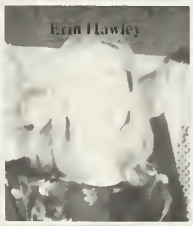
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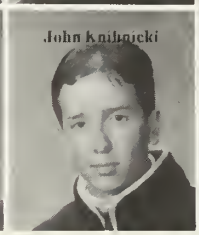
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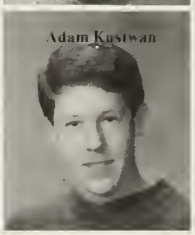
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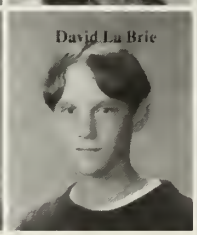
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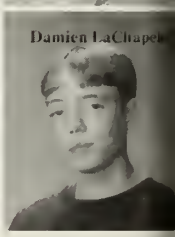

Damien LaChapelle



# FRESHMEN

Curly Top? Julie Dunn and Shirley Temple bear a slight resemblance on the dance floor.

Almost Donn? Megan polishes off the ivories.

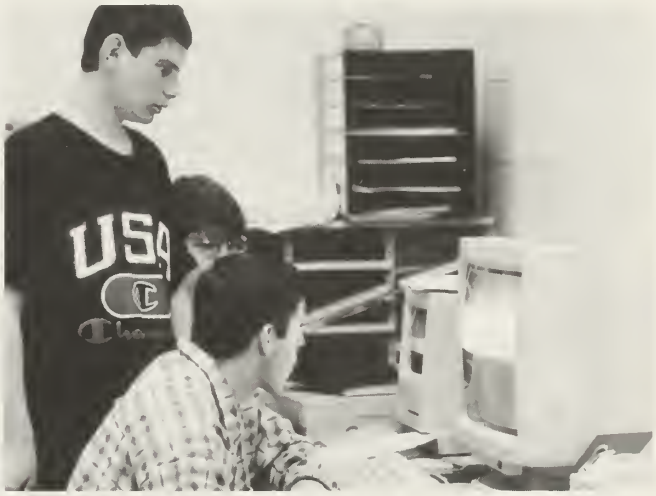
Step right up folks! Come see the Andy-Bob! Two bodies that share one head!

If you kick a soccer ball with a force of 9 newtons at an angle of 49.55 degree what is the probability that the goalie will duck?

Win like Flynn? Karoline goes for the goal.

D-e-a-r-M-o-m-p-l-e-a-s-e-g-e-t-m-e-o-u-t-o-f-h-e-r-e-!

ind door number two we find ... a lunch that's at least six months old!?!




"Dude! Who would have thought surfin' the 'net would be so rad?" Freshmen catch the wave.

# FRESHMEN

"I'll take freshmen stairs, you take senior stairs and I'll be at lunch before you."

Profile of studiousness.

Back-packing down the hallways of ELHS.

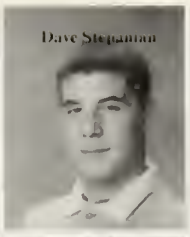
AAAH! Get it off of me!

Eric Sikides

Siobhan Squill

V.J. Stagnaro

Charles Stellato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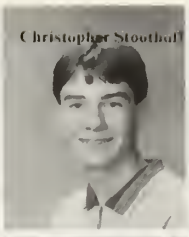
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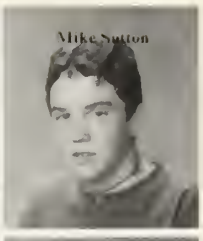
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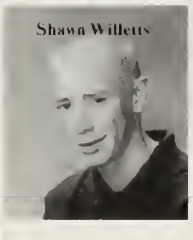
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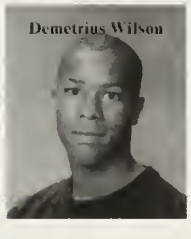

Demetrius Wilson

Jackie Wojcicki

Kimi Wright

Lindsay Wright

Teresa Zaccone

Jeffrey Zilch

Stop watching the guys practice, girls, and concentrate on the game.

Soccer ... sometimes you need to go vertical.

"We made it through senior hall, and now that we're past the librarian, we're home free."

*The sun shines brightly even though we're indoors.*
*Summer's but three months; why can't it be more?*

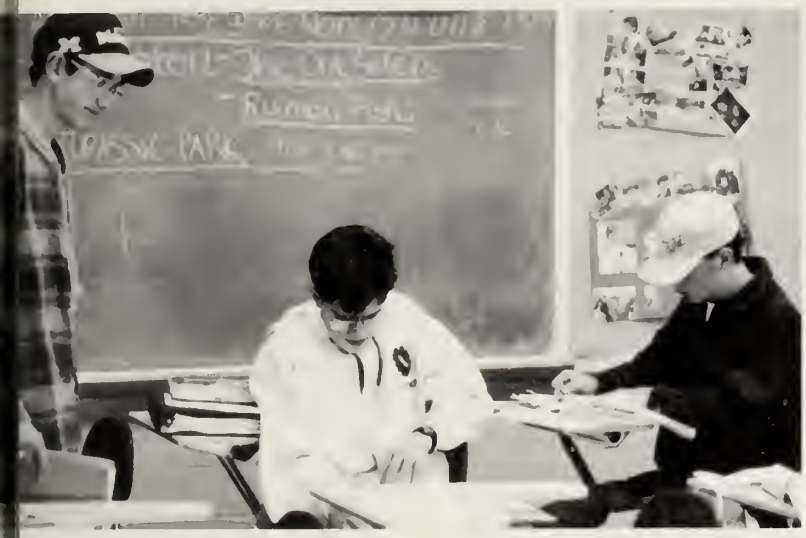
UNDERCLASSMEN

*From sunshine to leaves,*

*then leaves into snow,*

*We've been here so long,*

*how much longer to go?*



*As we slowly ascend the academic ladder,*

*We wonder when our studies will matter.*

# UNDERCLASSMEN

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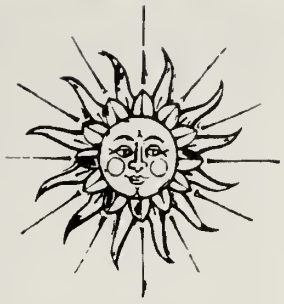
*Though we tumble through life like a wind-blown feather,*

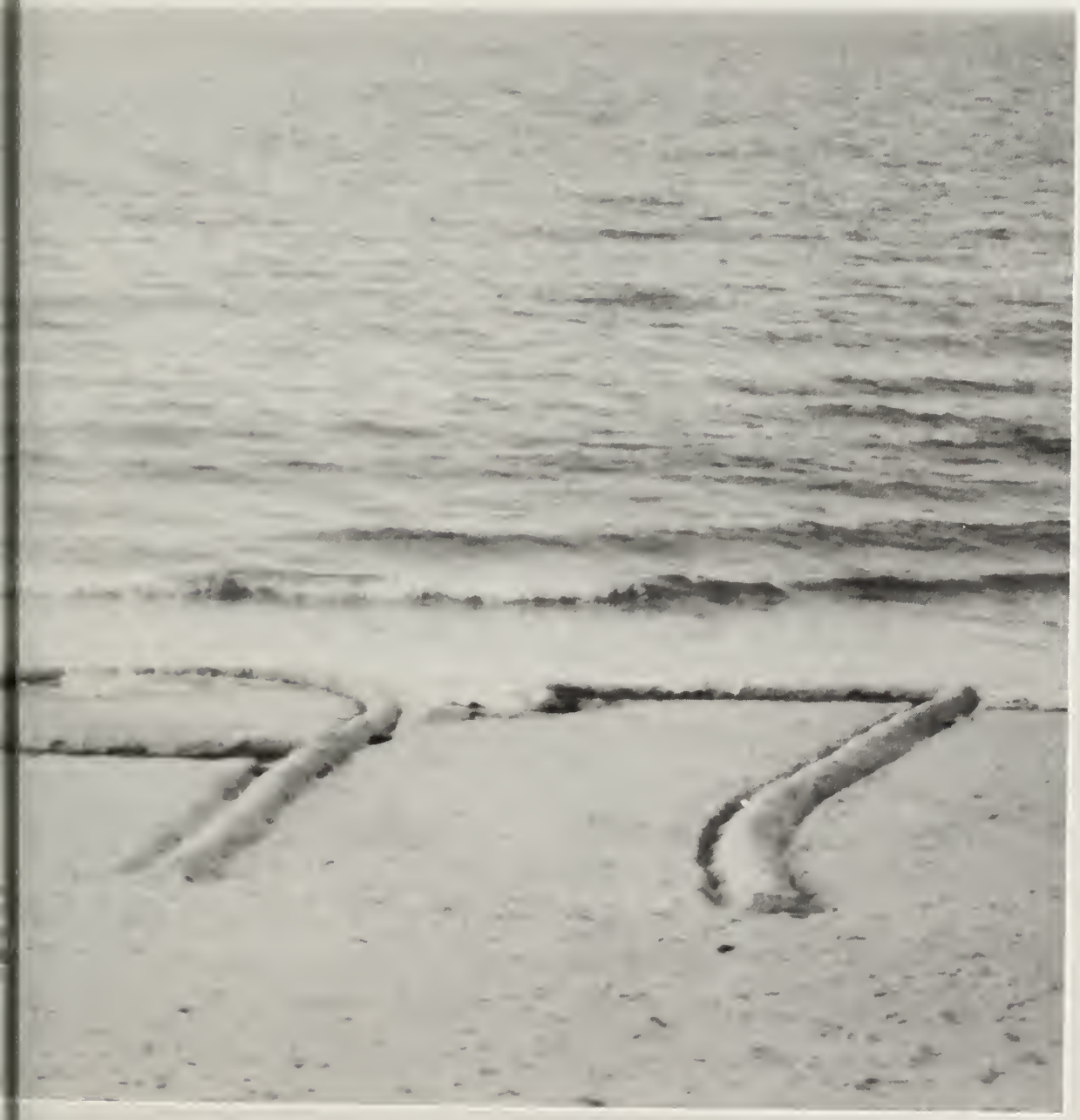
*These halls will hold memories of our times together.*

# UNDERCLASSMEN

*As each year progresses bringing many new wonders, do we want to escape this life between summers?*



Life Between Summers



# SPORTS

## Life is a game ...

Spots and Slots - Sam finds the open space.

It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it. Coach Gonsalves led the team its furthest tournament appearance ever.

# GIRLS SOCCER

It's a bird ... it's a plane ... it's Super Sawyer! The team MVP protects the goal from the forces of evil.

Small but mighty - Noreen Drenthe kept the opposing defense running in circles.

Stretch it out! Future Navy plebe Jennie Hill shows the importance of conditioning before strenuous exercise.

What a balancing act! Jess practices perfect ball control.

got it! Kate Boggis' solid play at stopper earned her ll-State honors.

My dance space, your dance space ... Steph Normand practices on the field.

If you can't beat'em, join'em. Meg forgets the ball and takes on her opponent.

# GIRLS SOCCER

Front (L-R): Meg Bianco, Gina Urbini, Brienne Smith, Lindsay Sawyer, Jennie Hill, Kate Boggis, Sam Chiusano, Jessica Metoxen; Top (L-R): Anna Truiolio, Jackie Scully, Steph Normand, Mariel Vinci, Ariana Curtis, Coach Gonsalves, Kate Goodwin, Noreen Drenthe, Jill DiRico, Karen Sullivan, Kristin Edgett.

With five players selected to All-Star teams (four All-State selections), an appearence in the Western Mass Division II finals, and a final record of 12-5-4, the Girls' Soccer season was nothing less than extraordinary. Senior Captains Kate Boggis, Jennie Hill, Lindsay Sawyer and Brienne Smith led a small but talented team to its furthest tournament appearance in school history. After going 10-4-4 in the regular season schedule against Division I teams, the Spartans faced the toughest opposition Division II had to offer, only to fall short in overtime of the finals. Leading scorers Noreen Drenthe and Jennie Hill provided speed and skill in the front, and Jessica Metoxen and Jackie Scully proved themselves as assets to the forward line. Brienne Smith and Steph Normand controlled mid-field play with Sam Chiusano, Meg Bianco, and Anna Truiolio. Keeper Lindsay Sawyer, sweeper Kate Goodwin, and stopper Kate Boggis led the second best defense in all of Western Mass. Mariel Vinci, Ariana Curtis, Kristin Edgett, Gina Urbini, and Karen Sullivan served as strong defenders, while Jill DiRico was key in shutting down some of the best players in Western Mass. Kate Boggis, Noreen Drenthe, Jennie Hill, Lindsay Sawyer and Brienne Smith received post season honors for their outstanding play. With the loss of eight seniors, next year may be somewhat of a rebuilding season, but with a solid experienced core of players returning, the Spartans will continue to be a force to be reckoned with in the Kurty Division.

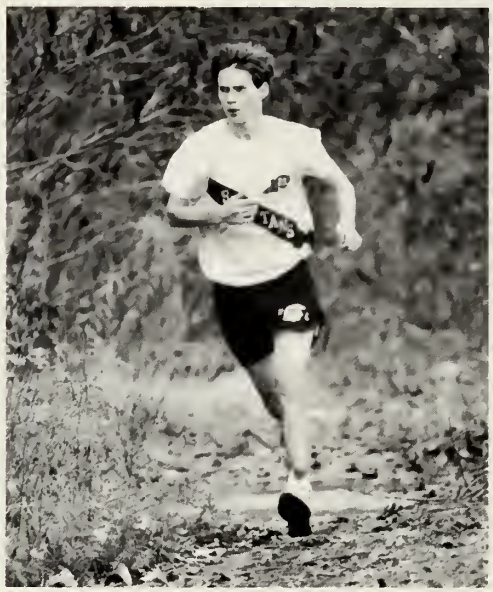
| | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Chicopee Comp | 1 | 0 |
| Holyoke | 1 | 3 |
| Westfield | 2 | 2 |
| Longmeadow | 1 | 3 |
| Agawam | 3 | 1 |
| Holyoke | 0 | 0 |
| West Side | 0 | 2 |
| Chicopee | 0 | 7 |
| Central | 0 | 1 |
| Minnechaug | 1 | 1 |
| Ludlow | 1 | 0 |
| Monument Mountain | 0 | 2 |

| (cont) | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Longmeadow | 1 | 2 |
| Cathedral | 1 | 0 |
| Westfield | 0 | 1 |
| Minnechaug | 2 | 2 |
| St. Mary's | 1 | 2 |
| Agawam | 1 | 4 |
| *Western Mass Tournament* | | |
| Taconic | 0 | 3 |
| Palmer | 0 | 4 |
| Waconah (OT) | 1 | 0 |

Eight is great. Brienne takes leaps and bounds to All-State honors.

Baggio! Show us how the Italians play futbol.

Over the mud puddle ...



and through the woods ...

to the finish line they go.

# BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

The '96 season was an uphill climb for the boys' cross country team from the very beginning. The Spartans' lost several key runners from last season, while the rest of the league had improved, resulting in a 1-10 record.

But even in the face of such odds, the boys' cross country team always managed to put their best feet forward. They were led by senior captain and team MVP Dan Manley, whose experienced leadership helped guide the team. Fellow senior co-captains Matt Mackechnie and John Zilch, along with senior Greg Metzidakis kept the team focused and on track. A promising crew will return next year, led by Jon Manning, Pat Roberts, and Dave Robison.

| | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Amherst | 15 | 48 |
| Holyoke | 15 | 48 |
| Cathedral | 25 | 30 |
| Minnechaug | 15 | 50 |
| Northampton | 17 | 46 |
| Central | 50 | 15 |

| (cont) | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Longmeadow | 17 | 42 |
| Chicopee | 26 | 29 |
| W. Spfld | 19 | 40 |
| Chic Comp | 19 | 43 |
| Westfield | 24 | 31 |

Front (l-r): Peter Miller, Jon Manning, John Hastings, Carl Barkson, Jeff Zilch, David Donn; Middle (l-r): Joe Maggi, Pat Roberts, Paul Beaulieu, Rob Gladden, Joe Brassard, Dave Robison, Coach Calabrese; Top (l-r): Coach Budd, Matt MacKecknie, John Zilch, Dan Manley, Dan Brassard, Greg Metzidakis.

Dave and Dan know the way ...

to carry the team ...

to a 1-10 season? Oh.

egan Donn led a strong freshmen contingent in 7.

The belle of the ball? Kate Lelas kicked her soccer habit and joined the cross country team, playing an important role in their winning season.

Alone and in the lead ... as usual. Maggie J's times ranked her third place in all-time ELHS history.

# GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Front (l-r): Becca Tougas, Stephanie Poole, Cori Cassidy, Nicole Levesque, Elin Kinetz; Middle (l-r): Coach Budd, Megan Donn, Jessica Bruso, Kate Lelas, Laura Kennedy, Coach Calabrese; Top (l-r): Maggie Jaroszewicz, Joy Girouard, Andrea Nelson, Betsy O'Neill, Keylea Ursprung.

The girls' cross country team had a victorious season, not only in scores but in spirit. The Spartans were led to their fine 7-4 record by second-year captain Cori Cassidy, and by two sophomores, Maggie Jaroszewicz and Stephanie Poole. Although Maggie and Stephanie won most of the races they wouldn't have had a winning season without the other girls. Freshmen, Megan Donn stepped up whenever needed to take the third spot, while sophomores Jessica Bruso, Laura Kennedy, Joy Girouard, and Kate Lelas finished close on the heels of the leaders. Unfortunately, no one made it to the state meet this year. Maggie Jaroszewicz's mile pace time of 7:15 in the WMass meet was close; she finished just one place short of qualifying for states.

| | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Amherst | 15 | 48 |
| Cathedral | 21 | 40 |
| Holyoke | 22 | 23 |
| Minnechaug | 21 | 33 |
| Northampton | 37 | 21 |
| Central | 50 | 51 |

| (cont) | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Longmeadow | 16 | 42 |
| Chicopee | 25 | 30 |
| W. Spfld | 36 | 21 |
| Chic Comp | 29 | 26 |
| Westfield | 38 | 23 |

Two paths ...

... diverged in a yellow wood ...

... but where is that "road less travelled by"?

Yo, head ref! Krista "Cauliflower" Melien was a force at halfback.

Kirsten "Barnowicz" (aka Metzger) was a second team All WMass selectio

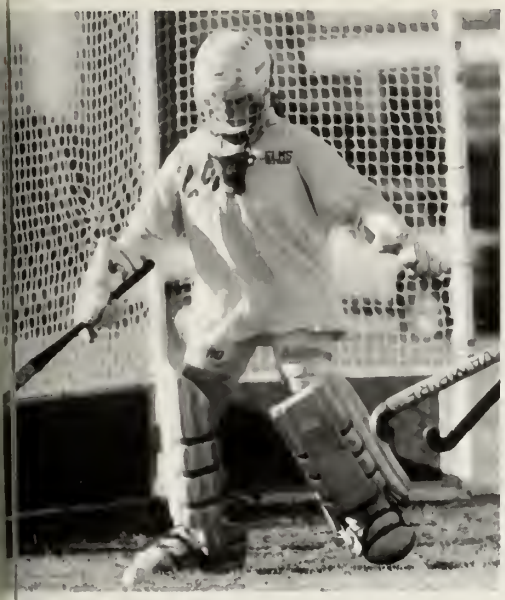
# FIELD HOCKEY

Way to go Coachie! Coach Lussier's third season was her best yet as the Spartans returned to the playoffs.

Omigosh! I love your bandana! Look out Igor, here comes Anna!

Tiffany drives like she drives - head down and a hundred miles-an-hour.

Hit the bag, Sue! Sue Black spent three years at center-half and sweeper for t Spartans.



Tug-a-loug! Katie and the Spartan Defense posted a impressive 0.47 goals against average.

"You're such a HOOTCHIE!" Maria's two goals gave the Spartans a victory over West Side.

"Don't hate me because I'm beautiful!" You too can be a starting senior if you use Pantene Pro-V.

# FIELD HOCKEY

Front (L-R): Kristin Carabine, Theresa Yacovone, Laura Gour, Andrea Hubbard, Kirsten Metzger, Susan Black, Meghan Briggs, Katie Tougas. Middle (L-R): Mrs. Hubbard, Laura Di Michele, April Goodwin, Amy Bertrand, Chrissy McKenna, Emily Bareiss, Andrea Corbett, Coach Lussier, Mr. Hubbard. Back (L-R): Laura Jurkowski, Maria Cardaropoli, Julie Niznik, Michelle Bergeron, Anna Cardaropoli, Tiffany Cunningham, Krista Melien.

After failing to make it past the first round of the 1995 tournament, the 1996 Spartan Field Hockey team was determined to reach their goal of winning their first playoff game. The team, which posted a 9-4-6 overall record, accomplished their goal by defeating Smith Academy 1-0 in the preliminary round. The senior forward line, including Chrissy McKenna, Maria Cardaropoli, Emily Bareiss, and Kirsten Metzger (All-League, All Western Mass 2nd Team) contributed to the team's 19 goals. Andrea Hubbard (All-League, All Western Mass 1st Team) and Anna Cardaropoli proved to be the stabilizing force of the team as they controlled play at both ends of the field. The defense, including seniors Korinne Esposito, Susan Black, Tiffany Cunningham (All-League, All Western Mass 2nd Team), and Krista Melien worked together only giving up 7 goals in the regular season. The sophomores and juniors were also a deciding factor in why the Spartans finished second in their division, the best showing yet. Next year, the 1997 Spartan field hockey team should look forward to another strong season led by captains Michelle Bergeron, Laura Jurkowski, and Katie Tougas.

| | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Westfield | 1 | 2 |
| South Hadley | 0 | 2 |
| Northampton | 0 | 0 |
| Greenfield | 0 | 0 |
| Minnechaug | 1 | 2 |
| Longmeadow | 0 | 0 |
| Southwick | 2 | 1 |
| Mohawk | 0 | 1 |
| West Side | 0 | 1 |
| Minnechaug | 0 | 4 |
| Westfield | 2 | 2 |

| (cont) | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Longmeadow | 0 | 0 |
| Agawam | 0 | 1 |
| Agawam | 1 | 0 |
| Southwick | 1 | 0 |
| West Side | 1 | 2 |
| Amherst | 0 | 0 |
| *Western Mass Tournament* | | |
| Smith Academy (OT) | 0 | 1 |
| Frontier | 3 | 0 |

Andrea Hubbard was a great leader on the field (and through the fields

"And stay down!" Emmy was picture perfect at left wing.

Mike and Matt showed that soccer is more than just a balancing act.

"Where's the ref? (The head ref, that is.)"

# BOYS SOCCER

Slimy, yet satisfying. Bugs high in protein were Ryan Smith's secret to success.

"Give me another try, Coach! Look, my laces were broken!"

All Western Mass celeb Chris Conway endorses the Breath-Right Nasal Strip.

It's a kick in the grass ... Goalie Bill Yorns was All Western Mass as well as t nament MVP.

Jus Christ, Superstar, how many goals have you scored so far?

Just MacKICKnie it! Jeff makes a statement with moves and fashion.

Man of Steele-Dave fends off enemies from the planet Krypton.

# BOYS SOCCER

Front (L-R): Chris Conway, Mike Smith, Bill Yorns, Matt Gour; Middle (L-R): Jeff Atwater, Ryan Smith, Nick Petitgirard, John Follit, Ryan Shaw, Zach Rohlfs, Mike Nadle, Brian Butler; Back (L-R): Noah Wheeler, Vincent Carannante, Terrance Leahy, David Steele, Tim Robertson, Jeff MacKechnie, Casey Laushway, Coach Rivet.

The Boys' Varsity Soccer Team won the Western Mass. Division II championship in the fall of 1996, the Spartans' first season under new head coach Tom Rivet. Thirteen seniors provided experience and depth as the boys cruised to a 13-3-3 record. Matt Gour (All-State), Chris Conway (All WMass), Bill Yorns (All WMass), Mike Smith (All Wmass), John Follit, Dave Steele, Jeff Atwater, Casey Laushway, and Zach Rohlfs were able to combine the long ball, quick strike approach of two years ago with last season's short passing attack, resulting in a team that was formidable on offense and stingy in its own end. In the first round of the playoffs, Noah Wheeler's two goals carried the Spartans past Hoosac Valley, while French exchange superstar Nick Petitgirard's solo tally was enough vs. Southwick in the semifinals. The WMass Championship game against Waconah was a nail biter. After 120 minutes of play and eleven penalty kicks, Ryan Shaw's game-winning goal brought victory to EL (the Spartans went on to lose in the State semi's to David Prowty H.S. of Central Mass.) Losing 13 seniors to graduation will be tough, but the Spartans return All-State Vinny Carannante, Terence Leahy, and Brian Butler next season, as the boys defend their title.

| | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Holyoke Catholic | 0 | 8 |
| Gateway | 1 | 2 |
| Belchertown | 0 | 4 |
| South Hadley | 0 | 8 |
| Monson | 1 | 2 |
| Hampshire | 1 | 2 |
| Commerce | 0 | 5 |
| Northampton | 0 | 4 |
| Easthampton | 0 | 3 |
| Southwick | 3 | 0 |
| Commerce | 1 | 4 |

| (cont) | Opp. | EL |
|---|---|---|
| Central | 1 | 1 |
| Northampton | 1 | 0 |
| Easthampton | 1 | 1 |
| Southwick | 3 | 0 |
| *Western Mass Tournament* | | |
| Hoosac Vally | 0 | 3 |
| Southwick | 0 | 1 |
| Waconah (shootout) | 2 | 3 |
| *State Tournament* | | |
| David Prouty | 2 | 1 |

All-State selection and MVP ... Matt Gour's magic red shoes send the ball to its mark.

Twist and Shout! All Western Mass selection Mike Smith plays this game with his eyes closed.

# FOOTBALL

Defense! Kevin Paquette pounds a poor opponent.

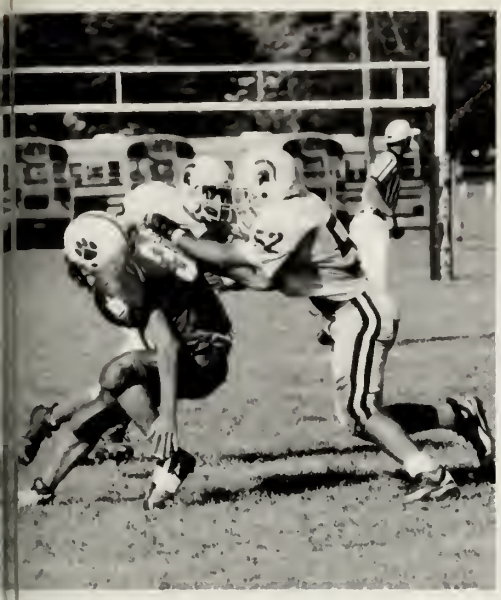
Runaway Wayne! Wayne Norman derails a hapless Lancer.

Punter, Baker, Touchdown Maker.

He could-go-all-the-way! Steve Silansky heads for an apparent TD.

Blue-by-you. Mike Maruca benefits from some tough line play.

Size isn't everything. Tony Trovato forces a sweep.



One blind mouse? Kyle Berard puts out a cat.

Even in defeat the Spartans played hard

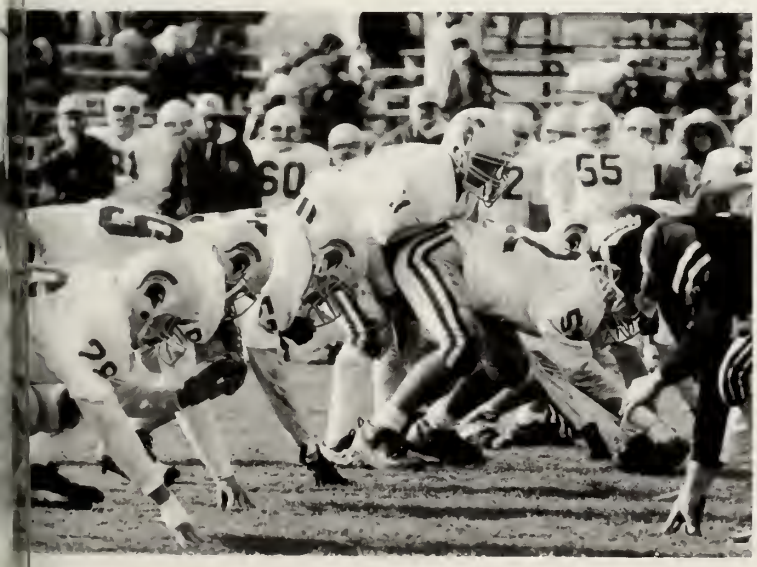
Breaking away? Mike Maruca tries to run through a tackle against the Lancers.

# FOOTBALL

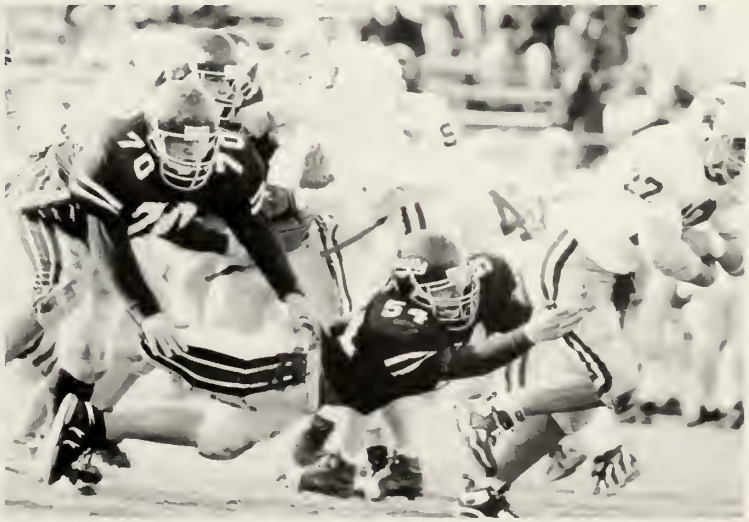
1st Row (l-r): Wayne Norman, Kevin Paquette, Mike Maruca, Rick Baker, Kyle Berard, Steve Silansky, Jeff Duprey, Pete Gallagher. 2nd Row: Matt Nannen, Steve Temkin, Joe Hutchinson, Paul Schunk, Fred Doersam, Chris DiClementi, Matt Decesare, Cody Villamaino. 3rd Row: Chris Spring, Eric Smith, Matt Maurer, Jason Cabral, Kevin Ford, Anthony Verdile, Sean Bechard, Charles Doucette. Top Row: Steve Simolari, Greg Burack, Matt Milley, Chris Ruscio, Matt Stula, James Cormier, Coach Morrissey, Tony Trovato, Coach Modzelewski, Mike Costa.

After playing in the Super Bowl each of the last two seasons, the varsity football team struggled through a rebuilding year, finishing 1-9 as they returned to Division I competition for the first time since 1988. That the Spartans' lone win came late in the campaign versus Amherst speaks volumes about this group; they were frequently outmanned but they never quit trying. Senior leadership was responsible. Tri-captains Rick Baker (QB, DB, P, K, All League, 2nd team All WMass), Kyle Berard (C, DT), and Mike Maruca (RB, DB) kept their teammates focused as the long season wore on. Several injuries further hampered the Spartans' chances, but there were some reasons for optimism behind the black and blue. Steve Silansky's sure hands at wide receiver and Kevin Paquette's tenacity at outside linebacker made them factors in every game. Joe Hutchinson's effort on both sides of the line, and Steve Temkin's improving performance at safety should help stabilize the team next fall, as will the play of Matt Nannen (TE), Anthony Verdile (CB), and Matt Maurer (LB). There is hope on the horizon - the Spartan JV finished 8-2.

| | Opp. | E.L. | | Opp. | E.L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Putnam | 26 | 19 | Northampton | 47 | 0 |
| Westfield | 26 | 6 | Amherst | 16 | 49 |
| West Springfield | 47 | 6 | Chicopee | 47 | 24 |
| Chicopee Comp | 28 | 6 | South Hadley | 35 | 18 |
| Greenfield | 38 | 22 | Longmeadow | 42 | 0 |



"They're not gonna get him?" The competition was as fierce as ever on Thanksgiving.



Anybody for a little trench warfare?

"It's a bird, it's a plane! . . ." Captain Ryan Scully was a superhuman force behind the Spartans' success.

The cannonball run . . . Dave Bourbeau fled diving in 96-97 to concentrate on swimming.

Diver Pete Gallagher finished sixth in Western Mass a total of 257.25 points.

# BOYS SWIMMING

Roses are red, Spartans are too, Matt Gour can sprint way faster than you.

Don't be a fly baby! Dave Skowron fought his way back from injury to finish first in WM

A well-deserved round of applause for a flawless season.

Tommy B. Goode . . . Captain Tom Brennan was a solid performer in the backs and distance events.

T like a shot - Gunner's breaststroke helped his medley relay team place first in estern Mass.

He may have won Coach of the Year, but Mr. Bolles isn't our favorite for the wet T-shirt contest.

# BOYS SWIMMING

For all of its recent successes, the boys' swim team hadn't won a WMass title since 1976. That dry spell was washed away by the '97 Spartans, who left opponent after opponent drowning in their wake as they swam to a perfect 12-0 record. The team cruised through the regular season, scoring big wins against rivals Minnechaug and Longmeadow. Before winning the WMass Division A championships, captains Tom Brennan (100 Back) and Ryan Scully (50 free) led a group of very strong swimmers, including seniors Matt Gour (50, 100 free), Dave Bourbeau (100 back), Pete Gallagher (diving), and Mike Smith (50 free). Several underclassmen will return next year to keep the wave rolling. Juniors Adam Overlock (200, 500 free), Kevin McGunnigle (100 breast, 200 IM), Pat Roberts (100 breast), Jon Manning (100 back), and sophomores Eric Witowski (100 fly, 200 IM), and newcomer Ryan Martin (50, 100 free) had excellent seasons and show great promise for the future. The boys' WMass meet was jump-started by the 200 Medley Relay team of Tom Brennan, Kevin McGunnigle, Dave Skowron, and Ryan Scully, while Dave Skowron's school record breaking win in the 100 fly proved to be the event's individual highlight. The WMass Title was certainly a sensational end to a sensational season.

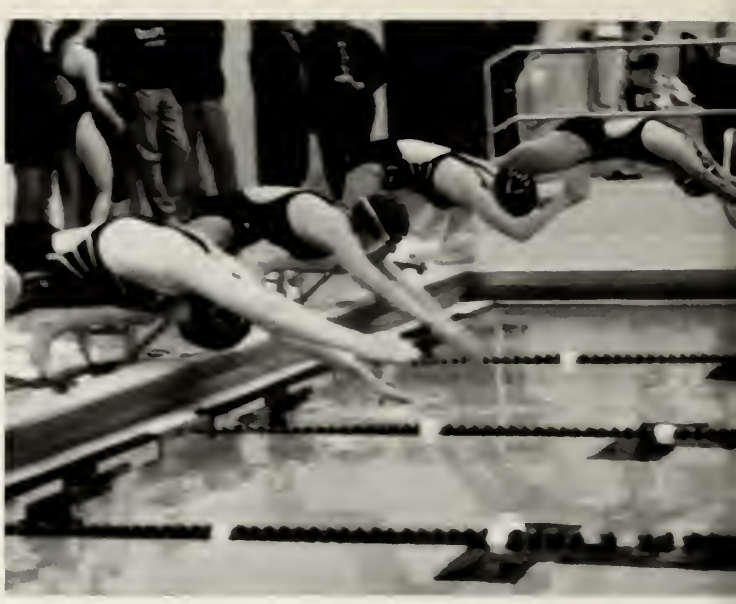
| | *Opp.* | *E.L.* | | *Opp.* | *E.L.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Northhampton | 51 | 112 | Amherst | 52 | 132 |
| Monson | 55 | 122 | Chicopee Comp. | 31 | 69 |
| Cathedral | 28 | 73 | S. Hadley | 37 | 64 |
| Holyoke | 26 | 75 | Westfield | 58 | 120 |
| Belchertown | 49 | 130 | Central | 51 | 120 |
| Minnechaug | 42 | 60 | Longmeadow | 36 | 66 |

Front (l-r): Shaun Willetts, Eric Witowski, Canaan Alicandro, Brian Safford, Ryan Martin, Kevin Shikoluk. Second (l-r): Adam Overlock, Dave Skowron, Cody Villamaino, Jon Manning, Kevin McGunnigle, Scott Peavy. Third (l-r): Coach Wiezbicki, Dave Bourbeau, Mike Smith, Matt Gour, Pete Gallagher. Top (l-r): Coach Gonsalves, Ryan Scully, Tom Brennan, Coach Bolles.

"e's going the distance!" Junior Adam Overlock dominated the 500 and 200 freestyle.

The Spartans made waves at 12-0.

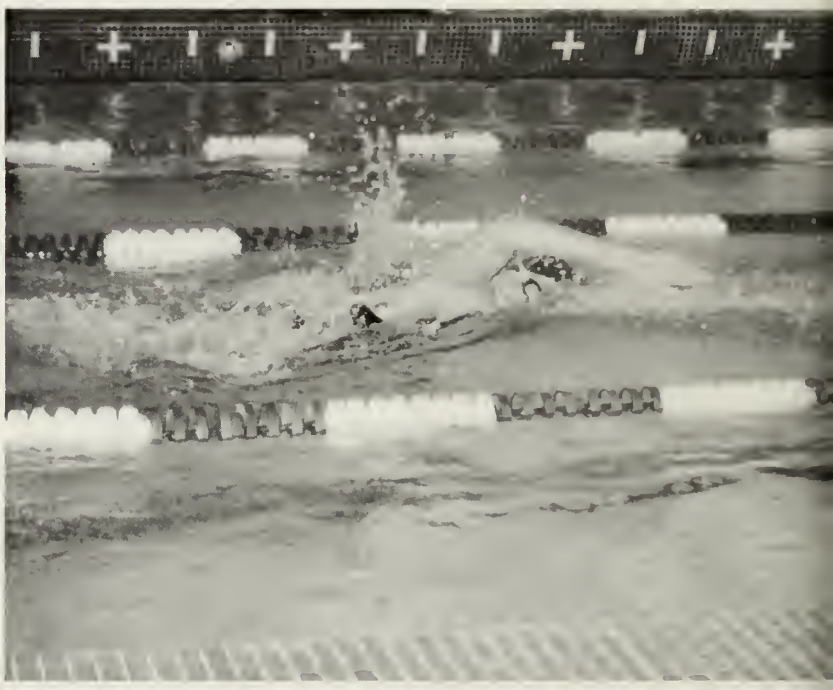
"Houston, HELLO!!" Jayme Brown blasts off.



And they're off! Sorry, Jennie - a graceful start doesn't guarantee a good finish. Ama won this 50 free against Central.

# GIRLS SWIMMING

The cap is half full? Optimism reigns at a late afternoon practice.



The right to bear arms: Kendall took no prisoners on her way to becoming WMass champion the 200 IM and 500 free.

"Float like a butterfly . . ." Freshman Jan Parker qualified for WMASS in 7 individual events.

"Shower the people . . ." Five swimmin' seniors smile and say "chlorine".

Where's Waldo?

NewsFLASH! Jessica Boucher qualified for WMass in the 50 yard freestyle as well as diving.

Amphibious assault! The horny toad strikes again.

# GIRLS SWIMMING

Top (l-r): Coach Gonsalves, Amanda Liucci, Kate Boggis, Coach Bolles, Second (l-r): Jennie Hill, Lynn Avezzie, Cyndy Steere. Third (l-r): Jaime Young, Amy Wilson, Kendall Gonsalves, Julie Moran, Lucia Rapisarda, Jessica Bruso, Cindy Paige, Tiia Kienitz, Diane Bourbeau, Colleen Milbier. Front (l-r): Elin Kienitz, Jen Baker, Theresa Yacavone, Jessica Boucher, Jayme Brown, Ainsley Long, Katie Lucas, Becca Laveile, Jen Parker, Andrea Nelson.

For the girls' swim team, 1996-97 was a season marked by surpassed expectations of both team and individual performances. Their 7-5 record was a vast improvement over last year's 4-8-1 showing, although it was somewhat overshadowed by the success of the boys' team. The leadership of six seniors, including Amanda Liucci (50, 100 free), Kate Boggis (100 breast, 200 IM), Lynn Avezzie (100 back), Jennie Hill (100 fly), Sue Swords (500 free) and Cyndy Steere (100 free) contributed to the Spartan Swimmin' Women's winning record. In her third year of varsity swimming, junior Kendall Gonsalves continued to amaze, bringing home victories in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle at the WMass championships. At WMass, Gonsalves anchored the 200 freestyle relay team also consisting of Julie Moran, Jen Parker, and Amanda Liucci, which set a new school record with a time of 2:46:21. Juniors Jessica Boucher and Amy Wilson, sophomore Jayme Brown, and freshman Kate Lucas also had impressive seasons, and will return next year to help the girls as they try to remain afloat in Division A competition.

| | *Opp.* | *E.L.* | | *Opp.* | *E.L.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Northampton | 89 | 97 | Amherst | 112 | 77 |
| Monson | 67 | 107 | Chic. Comp | 64 | 37 |
| Cathedral | 33 | 69 | South Hadley | 46 | 56 |
| Holyoke | 44 | 55 | Westfield | 110 | 75 |
| Belchertown | 77 | 106 | Central | 76 | 110 |
| Minnechaug | 60 | 42 | Longmeadow | 58 | 44 |

Arrs away! Amy Wilson captured valuable points in the 200 IM and 100 breast.

"They've got legs, and they know how to use them."

Ballet? Or basketball? Sophomore Amy Bertrand gracefully grabs a rebound.

"Get off the track when the train's comin' through!" Senior Meg Kubera out-hustles her opponents.

Senior appreciation night?

# GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brienne Smith leaps over all opposition.

Pick up the pace! Guard Shannon Leger spices it up.

"If I could reach . . ." Sophomore sensation Julie Niznik fights to win the

's pretty, oh so pretty." Senior guard Kate Miller bbs a three.

Get to the point - Guard Brienne Smith brings the ball up court.

SWISH!

# GIRLS BASKETBALL

ront (l-r): Kate Miller, Kate Goodwin, Meg Kubera. Second (l-r): Brienne Smith, Kate Lelas, hannon Leger, Lindsay Sawyer. Top (l-r): Ariana Curtis, Amy Bertrand, Julie Niznik, Kate arvey, Jess DeAngelo.

Hard work and determination paid off for the varsity girls basketball team in 1997, a year that saw the Spartans improve to 13-8 and secure their first Division I berth in recent memory. Four seniors demonstrated leadership on and off the court. Brienne Smith dominated as point guard, while Lindsay Sawyer proved a valuable shooter from the outside. Captains Meg Kubera and Kate Miller were unstoppable on offense while also contributing on the defensive end. Junior captain Kate Goodwin became the team's main force from beyond the three point line. Sophomores Shannon Leger, Jess DeAngelo, and Kate Lelas gave the team a great depth at the guard position. Sophomore Julie Niznik had an outstanding season, winning the Bi-County League scoring title after coming in second last year. Sophomore Amy Bertrand started most of the season, and was an offensive spark whenever she was on the floor. First year coaches Phil Hamre and Steve Hale were very pleased with the teams success and look forward to a bright future.

| | *Opp.* | *E.L.* | | *Opp* | *E.L.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ludlow | 23 | 58 | Ludlow | 27 | 65 |
| Holyoke Cath. | 50 | 53 | Holyoke Cath. | 65 | 60 |
| Ellington | 72 | 44 | Gateway | 41 | 61 |
| Rockville | 50 | 36 | Hampshire | 21 | 48 |
| Gateway | 35 | 28 | Monson | 45 | 42 |
| Hampshire | 24 | 58 | So. Hadley | 41 | 45 |
| Monson | 50 | 39 | SWick-Toll | 71 | 68 |
| So. Hadley | 60 | 59 | Belchertown | 41 | 51 |
| SWick-Toll | 36 | 51 | Palmer | 40 | 52 |
| Belchertown | 30 | 51 | *WMass Tournament* | | |
| Palmer | 42 | 54 | Amherst | 59 | 55 |

Stay low, quick feet. Kate Lelas demonstrates textbook defense.

"Take it to the rack!"

Layin' a little lumber-Bryan Doe chops his opposition down to size.

Nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from the oven-Tony Levesque helped put the bis in the basket 54 times for the Spartans.

# HOCKEY

"Put your head on my shoulder. Whisper in my ear, Bomber!"

COMIN' THROUGH!

Mike Perella shows that even the best scorers have to backcheck.

Bladerunner? Chaos reigns at center ice.

Chairman of the boards - Ryan Donovan works the corner.

Eyes on the prize - Chris Calcasola settles a loose puck before moving in alone.

Front (l-r): Mike Lupi, Tony Levesque, Ryan Donovan, Eric Foisy, Greg Bean, Mike Pappelardo, Mike Breton. Back (l-r): Coach Brownlee, Coach Kittredge, Kiley Rothweiler (manager), Chuck Doucette, David Malchow, Bob Casey, Justin Gamache, John Ward-Horner, Chris Calcasola, Lee Donovan, James Pesculis, Nate Conz, Sarah Moses (manager), Coach Sibley.

# HOCKEY

Although their record of 7-11-2 did not qualify them for the playoffs in '97, the hockey team did provide plenty of excitement throughout the long winter. The career scoring mark of 130 points, established by Rich Mondoux 25 years ago, was shattered by senior captain Tony Levesque, whose 54 point year gave him an incredible four year total of 178 goals and assists. Not to be outdone, Tony's linemate and fellow senior, Mike Perella, also registered 54 points in '97, falling 6 tallies short of Mondoux's standard.

The blue line was ably patrolled by five Spartans, most notably by seniors Bryan Doe, Greg Bean, and Ryan Donovan, whose experience will be missed next year. Justin Gamache, Spencer Doe, and goalie Mike Breton will return on defense. Forwards Chris Calcasola, Nate Conz, Lee Donovan, and John Ward-Horner will look to fill the scoring void next winter and lead the team back to the playoffs.

Denied! Mike Breton backstopped the Spartans in his second varsity season.

Cruisin' for a bruisin' - Greg Bean's solid play on the blue line was a constant.

Jessica was simply smashing from the service line.

Doin' the bump!

She's comin' down with a serious case of the ups.

# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Bump, Set, Spike, Win! This season was filled with firsts for the ELHS girls' volleyball team. 1996 was the team's first season with full varsity status and with Lori Figuerado coaching. With her help, team captains Kari Speight and Kelly Grzebien inspired the girls to give 110%. Their 4-15 record may have been disappointing to the girls, but the achievement of first-year teams seldom matches their expectations.

| | Opp. | E.L. | | Opp. | E.L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Putnam | W | L | Dean Tech. | W | L |
| Dean Tech | W | L | Ludlow | W | L |
| Ludlow | L | W | W. Spfld. | W | L |
| Westfield | L | W | Holyoke | W | L |
| Holyoke | L | W | Westfield | W | L |
| Westfield | W | L | Commerce | W | L |
| Commerce | W | L | Longmeadow | W | L |
| Minnechaug | W | L | Minnechaug | W | L |
| Central | W | L | Central | W | L |
| Putnam | L | W | | | |

Front (l-r): Kelly Grzebien, Kari Speight. Second (l-r): Alex Stone, Casey Grzebien, Nyssa Schloyer, Jennifer Cochran, Lisa Portier, Gina LaRocca. Back (l-r): Sarah Harrison, Julia Nelligan, Jessica Alexander, Lisa Maloni, Marlena McCoy, Coach Figuerado.

Group hug? The gospel according to Coach Fig.

"Bump, set, spike, win!" Junior Lisa Portier leads the crowd in a rousing cheer.

Tl Human Tower of Terror? The Spartan cheerleaders were high in spirit and ac batic talent.

The Perma-grin never thaws. Hours of practice insure that a cheerleader never stops smiling.

# CHEERLEADERS

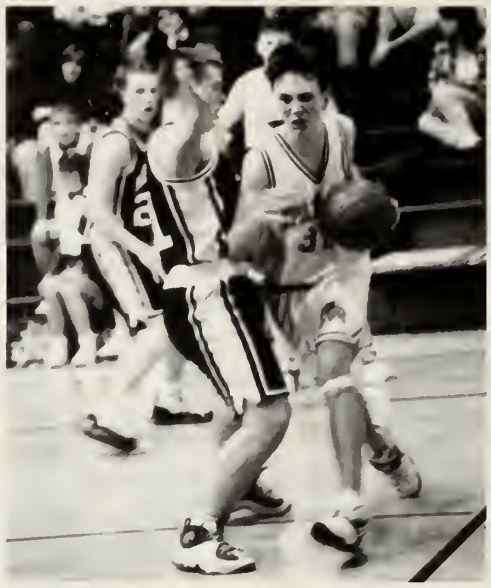
back) Melissa Dusza, Kim Huckins, Danielle Parent, Shannon Lee, Vanessa Rindone, Stephanie Grigely. (front) Kristy Sullivan, Alyssa Lunghi, Ashleigh Lunghi, Lisa Ryan, Sarah Cloutier, Corinne Stevens.

The Spartan Cheerleaders completed another successful and rewarding season in 1997. Sounds unusual? Perhaps. Yet anyone who has seen the girls practice (literally, year 'round) will attest to the fact that their "activity" is certainly closer to a sport than anything else. The squad first came together in August when they attended a cheerleading camp at Amherst College. Their efforts and increasing skills earned the Spartans a "Superior" trophy at the camp's conclusion. New coach Aimee Blair then worked the girls throughout the fall and winter sports seasons, perfecting new moves and routines, and readying the squad for the cheerleading competitions held in our area each spring. The EL girls had never taken part in these events before, but their reluctance soon gave way to jubilation as they captured fifth place in the WMass Tournament and third place in the PVIAC. Congratulations ladies, you did a great job!

Who says school prayer is dead?

Take me to your leader! Sarah and Kari learn that a winning smile is mightier than the sword.

Senior Rick Baker makes a new friend as he slips the ref a twenty before the game.



Grin and bear it down on the baseline with Junior Jason Pelzek.

I think I see Sean Doyle behind Jim's bicep, but I can sure.

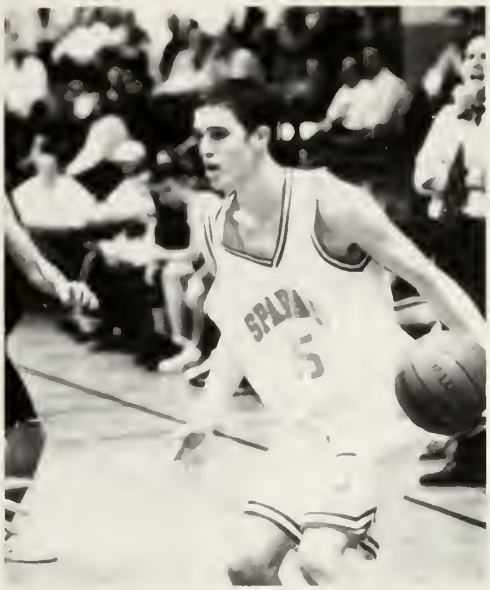
# BOYS BASKETBALL

The Butler did it and apparently he had an accomplice.

Junior guard Chris Kennedy leads his Spartan team up the court.

Release, rotation, splash. You know it's all good when Jim Goodwin spot

ong the at trees, ean Butler shows he does more tn shoot threes.



Junior center Sean Doyle breaks down his opponent.

Form follows function, Chris Kennedy offers up a prayer for the Spartan faithful.

# BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys' varsity basketball team won the Bi-County League title in '97, winning sixteen games before bowing to a tough Chicopee team in the tournament. The Spartans were led by a trio of seniors, Jim Goodwin, Vin Scordino, and Rick Baker, and a quartet of juniors, Sean Butler, Sean Doyle, Jason Pelzek, and newcomer, Chris Kennedy. Butler's 419 points smashed the school record for a single season, and Doyle emerged as a great shot blocker and consistent rebounder. Pelzek's all-around skills and Kennedy's toughness made the team a force to be reckoned with, while Chuck Lelas, Brian Luchini, and sophomore Ben Deane provided the Spartans with the depth necessary to capture the division. With the loss of only three players, the boys fully expect to advance beyond the first round of the tournament in 1998.

| | Opp. | E.L. | | Opp. | E.L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Southwick | 59 | 76 | Belchertown | 62 | 74 |
| Westside | 73 | 74 | Monson | 55 | 57 |
| Westfield | 68 | 49 | Palmer | 61 | 63 |
| Holyoke Cath. | 78 | 81 | Minnechaug | 79 | 67 |
| Granby | 54 | 77 | Ware | 65 | 85 |
| Dean Tech | 48 | 59 | Minnechaug | 79 | 67 |
| Pathfinder | 62 | 69 | Belchertown | 78 | 79 |
| Franklin Tech | 48 | 67 | Monson | 57 | 55 |
| Hampshire | 45 | 61 | Palmer | 56 | 67 |
| Gateway | 49 | 57 | Tournament | | |
| Ware | 48 | 61 | Chicopee | 80 | 76 |

Front (l-r): Rick Baker, Jim Goodwin, Vinny Scordino; Middle (l-r): Coach Tidlund, Chris Kennedy, Sean Butler, Brian Luchini, Coach Donaldson; Top l-r): Chuck Lelas, Sean Doyle, Jason Pelzek, Joel Hawn.

Brace yourself!

Jason Pelzek helps put the run in run-and-gun.

It's all downhill from here!

Arctic blast! MVP Zach Rohlfs helped the guys place second in Division C.

Abominable snowman? Captain Ryan Smith was a t on the slopes.

# SKI TEAM

The mild winter of 1996-97 certainly wasn't a downer for the boys' and girls' ski team, which enjoyed success in only their second year of competition. Coached by Ms. Bean and Mr. Scherpa, the team proved that skiing is here for good at ELHS. The boys' team had five skiers qualify for state championship: senior captains Ryan Smith and Zach Rohlfs, junior Sean Miner, and sophomores Ryan Shaw and Shawn McCauley. Senior captain Jeff Atwater, seniors Dave Steele and Jeff MacKechnie, sophomore Luke Baron, and freshman Mike Atwater rounded out the team and helped the boys finish second in the WMass C Division. The girls' team had a tougher time, partly a result of moving up a division into Division B. Sophomore MVP Alex Stone barely missed the state championships, while junior captain Nicole LaPolice, sophomore Jackie Scully, and freshman Karoline Flynn had impressive seasons as well. With so many girls expected to return next year, we can only expect good things to come.

Front (l-r): Mike Atwater, Jackie Scully, Meghan Donn, Abby Rohlfs, Alex Stone Nicole Contois, Nicole LaPolice, Karoline Flynn, Kevin Lennon, Chris McCauley Rachel Agnew. Back (l-r): Mr. Scherpa, Ryan Duffy, Laura Jurkowski, Adam Seagers Shawn McCauley, Sean Miner, Zach Rohlfs, Ryan Smith, Jeff Atwater, Joe Barkson Luke Baron, Dave Steele, Jeff MacKechnie, Ms. Bean, Mr. Davis.

Hey! I thought this was the bunny slope!

"When I bite into a peppermint patty . . ." MVP Alex Stone gets the sensation.

"Let it snow, let it snow . . . please?" Lack of the stuff didn't keep the team from ditching the slo

Chaos broke out when a pinata burst before the meet . . . and there was only one Blow Up.

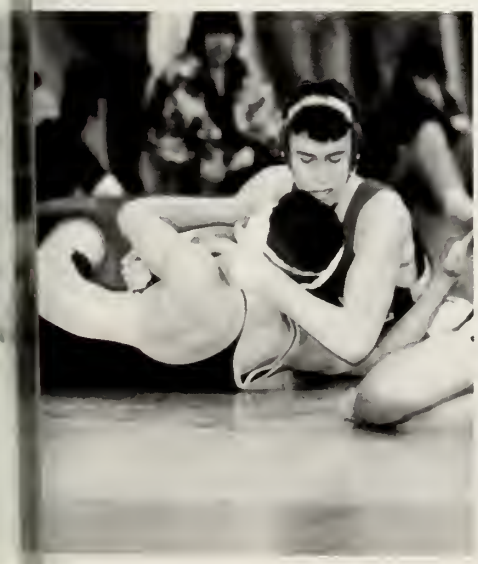
During the course of a meet, wrestlers find themselves in many a compromising position.

# WRESTLING

(back) Coach Kosel, Josh Goodchild, Steve Fazio, Dan Burke, Matt Pickering, Brendan Humphries, Marty Fagone, Anthony Verdile, Bill Borowiec, Coach Thompson, Kevin Cross. (front) Mike Katz, Chris Mancini, Joe Costa, Kevin Ford, Phil Costello, Joe Celetti, Matt Stula.

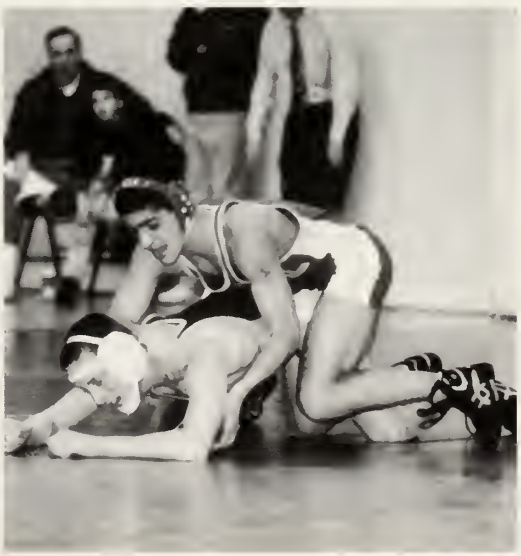
Things seemed pretty bleak for the Spartan wrestlers entering the '96-'97 season. With the loss of three key wrestlers, the squad was anchored by lone senior, Steve Fazio. Both Fazio and first year head Coach Todd Kosel were impressed with the team's progress. Returning juniors Marty Fagone (HWT) and Josh Goodchild (160) won frequently, keeping the Spartans in most meets. The strong core of sophomore returners; Dan Burke (135), Brendan Humphries (140), and Bill Borowiec (112), distinguished themselves through consistent effort. The real surprise, however, was the outcome of the first year wrestlers; Joe Costa (119), Kevin Ford (125), Anthony Verdile (145), Matt Stula (160), Chris Mancini (189), Kevin Cross (171), Matt Pickering (189), Philip Costello (130) and Joe Celetti (140). Among the newcomers, juniors Mike Costa (135), and Joe Hutchison (215) both placed sixth in WMass. With the success of the young team, the Spartans are excited about their chances next year.

| | Opp. | E.L. | | Opp. | E.L. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belchertown | 54 | 30 | Southwick | 60 | 18 |
| Amherst | 44 | 33 | Athol | 48 | 36 |
| Central | 54 | 18 | Smith/N. Hamp | 12 | 66 |
| Pioneer | 24 | 54 | Frontier | 48 | 30 |
| Dean Tech | 24 | 58 | Longmeadow | 45 | 33 |
| Minnechaug | 56 | 18 | | | |



Down for the count - Sophomore Brendon Humphries proved valuable in the 140 weight class.

When the Katz in the cradle - Mike goes in for the kill.



The Cost-a winning - Joe makes his move.

Shake, rattle, and roll!

Separated at birth- Reunited by soccer!

# JV SPORTS FROSH

JV FIELD HOCKEY: Top (l-r): Brandie White, Katie Day, Sara Tarczynski, Jessica DeAngelo, Amy Wilson, Mary-Lynn Williams, Leah Glashow; 3rd (l-r): Coach Hubbard, Lara Demoraski, Carla Cardoropli, Jayme Brown, Laurel Stewart, Kim Morin, Lisa Adams; 2nd (l-r): Ericka Rugani, Nicole Contois, Jaime Young, Amy Brown, Julie Moran, Jill Earnshaw; 2nd (l-r): Coach Hubbard, Kelly Hill, Sara Andrew, Megan Eddy, Lindsey Wright, Coach Lussier.

JV BOYS' SOCCER: Top (l-r): Coach Canavan, Dan Burke, Lucas Ba Gitano Milano, Kevin McGunnigle, John Pieciul, Ben Deane, Todd Fr Chris Wood, Brendan Humphries, Brett Dillon; Front (l-r): Ryan D'Am Tony Montefusco, Kyle Anderson, Jason Robertson, Ed Bednarz, K Lennon, Andy Mathison, Chris Manchini.

Anybody for the three legged race?

She does windows too! Ari cleans the glass.

She's touching me, she's touching me!

Let's twist again!

Air Wilson takes it to the hoop

You put your left foot out . . .

RSHMAN GIRLS' SOCCER: Top (l-r): Coach Rueger, Leanne Gallagher, Jen Parker, Co en McSweeny, Corrie Ackerly, Annette Quatrano, Rachel Agnew, Katie Lucas, Ka n LeClerc; Middle (l-r): Karoline Flynn, Bekah Leveille, Jen Baker, Kim Randall, Ve ner DiSanti, Ainsley Long, Erin Hawley, Katie Bedard; Front (l-r): Megan Lee, Patty Ca ori, Alexandra Placzek.

JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Top (l-r): Ariana Curtis, Corrie Ackerly, Vanessa Fuda, Julia Nelligan; Middle (l-r): Kelly Grzebian, Ashley McCarthy, Amy Brown, Sara Tarczynski, Megan Lee; Front (l-r): Marlena McCoy, Coach Hale, Annette Quatrano.

dentity crisis! Laura Gour played for the freshman, JV, and Varsity teams.

In like Flynn! Karoline stood out on the front line.

Katz and Moose game - Mike and the Spartan D give a Lancer runner pause.

Are you ready for some FUTBOL?!

# JV SPORTS FROSH

JV GIRLS' SOCCER: Top (l-r): Coach Brunelle, Sarah Cabot, Erin Lavelle, Kate Garvey, Megan Boyer, Colleen Milbier, Corrie Ackerly, Annette Quatrano; Front (l-r): Monica Connor, Karoline Flynn, Katie Bedard, Diane Bourbeau, Shannon Leger, Abbie Rohlfs, Kerry Doyle, Antonella Raschilla, Desire Thorpe.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: Top (l-r): Jeremy Sawyer, Adam Fenn, Jeff Brown, Jeff Zilch, Coach Giuggio; Middle (l-r): Eric Snyder, Dave LaBrie, Matt Brochu, Joe Berardi; Front (l-r): Carl Barkson, Dave Donn, Damian LaChapelle, Demetrius Wilson.

Matt Brochu will compete for one of 13 varsity openings next fall.

Row, Row, Row, Bourbeau, gently down the stream . . .

If you can read this, you may be driving too close.

Craven some action!

"I'm flying!" Mike Sullivan takes off in the frosh's game against the Brownies.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: Top (l-r): Jeff Brown, Coach Caverly Adam Fenn, Demetrius Wilson, Eric Wagner, Coach Bazyk, Jimmy Lynch; Middle (l-r): Mark Goldman, Dan Swords, Frank Paige, Dan Harrepski, Jeff Cabral; Front (l-r): Steve Ralph, Nathan Tetrault, John Knihnicki, Mike Katz, Ryan Quimby.

BOYS' FRESHMAN SOCCER: Top (l-r): Allen Stagnaro, Paul Jaroszewicz, Ryan Duffy, Jeremy Sawyer, Canaan Alicandro, Shaun Willetts, Dave LaBrie, Coach Duffy; Front (l-r): Mike Sullivan, Damien LaChapelle, Mike Atwater, Eric Snyder, Tom Gormbly, Andy Lieberwirth, Matt Brochu.

"essss . . ." Cody celebrates the undefeated season.

Downtown Brown- Jeff was the center of attention this winter.

Swing low . . . Amy Wilson's drive narrowly eluded a lancer defender.

A force to be reckoned with - Mary Lynn dominated in the midfield.

"Oh, go play in traffic!" Captain Kelly Grzebien drives the lane.

# JV SPORTS FROSH

BOYS' JV BASKETBALL: Top (l-r): Brian Houser, Ben Deane Terrence Leahy, Tim Robertson, Coach Tidlund; Middle (l-r): Pat Kearney, Matt Maurer, Brian Butler, Matt Milley; Front (l-r): Frank Paige, Todd Fratar, Rich Craven, Joe John.

FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY: Top (l-r): Laura Gour, Lindsay Wright, Kelly Barthelmes, Angela Nannen, Josh Briggs, Caitlin Mackechnie, Alyson Masterangelo, Kristen Therien, Ashley McCarthy, Laura Maloni, Coach Renear; Front (l-r): Hannah Ohlin, Kimi Wright, Theresa Yacovone, Kim Allen, Hayley Evitts.

Bird sighting? Brian wonders what becomes a legend most.

Hayley's Comet - this freshman catches the swing of things.

Twinkle, twinkle, freshman star - Theresa tries *not* make a splash.

Wax on wax off - Damien demonstrates the crane technique.

Here, take it, take it!

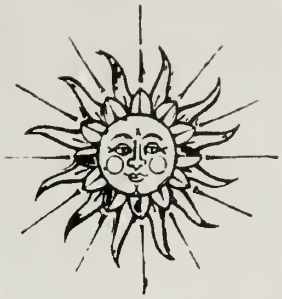
Karlyn kicks the can.

Bumper cars? Lisa, Julia, and Kelly are off for the races.

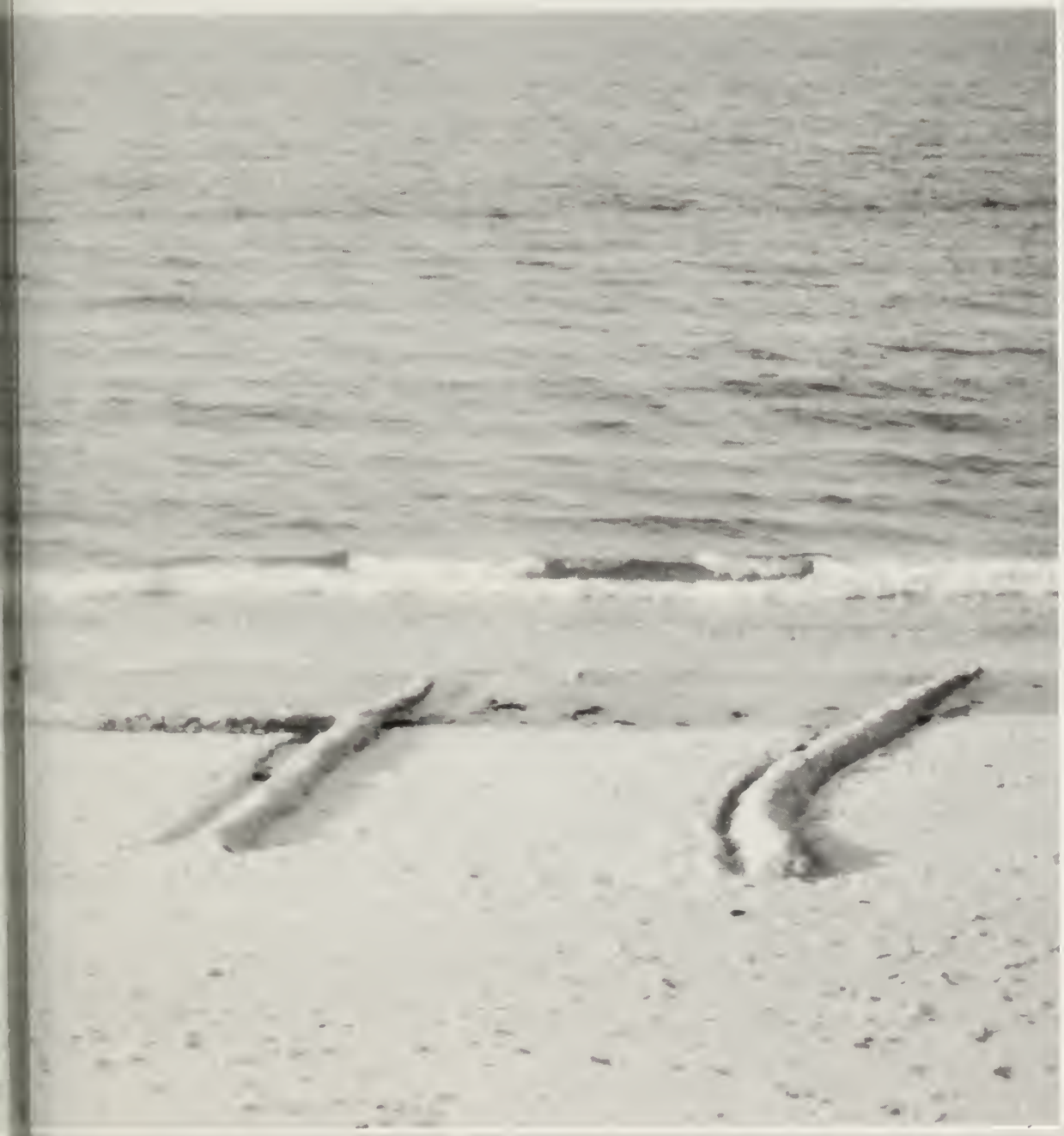
JV SPORTS FROSH

Ar here's to you, David Robison, Cross Country loves you nc than you will know . . .

Men in tights? Vive la differance.



Life Between Summers



STUDENT LIFE

# Life Is Elsewhere . . .

# SENIOR PICNIC

Oops!

Six smiling seniors soak up the scene.

Mmmm . . . tastes like chicken.

Not that there's anything wrong with that!

Group Therapy - Seniors kick some life into the party.

An honorary paisano - Nick makes some new friends at the picnic.

Branching out - but don't worry, their bark is worse th their bite.

"Get on with it!"

Out, standing in their field.

Trunk on life.

The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

I wish I were an Oscar Mayer weiner!

After 40 days and 40 nights, Modj still calls it up the middle.

SENIOR PICNIC

# ZITI DINNER

"I think back fondly to my salad days . . ."

"Mange! Mange!" Krista and Lindsay dig in.

Just desserts.

"I'm sorry the salad's late . . ."

". . . it couldn't be helped . . ."

". . . it was just dressing."

They also serve who only stand and wait.

"Don't get used to it, honey."

Have a heaping helping of our hospitality!

"Easy on the parmesan, Sue. I'm lactose intolerant." Tom serves up a little whine with his cheese.

It was the seniors against the stomachs in another round of hand-to-gland combat.

"I made it myself . . ."

Mike Maruca created quite a stir.

How de-grating! Chrissy pours on the cheese.

# ZITI DINNER

# SEMIFORMAL

Backs to the future . . . Senior get down as the new year approaches.

"I've got a ticket to ride, but she don't care."

Semiformal hairstyles put a different twist on the evening.

The semiformal makes anyone go a smile a minute.

It takes two to tango, and two hundred to stand around gawking.

Gift of the Maggi? Joe makes like a rhythm king.

Get a grip . . . Tony and Nicole squeeze a little fun o of the evening.

nanda Dancewith? Has anyone seen Amanda ncewith?

Stocking in public? Great Scott!

The return of the Hug-a-Bunch!

Cuteness is as cuteness does.

Stareway to heaven - Meghan and Mike find their focus.

T women may be winning the Battle of the Sexes but the men a still leading on the dance floor.

Cheek to cheek? Tres chic!

SEMIFORMAL

# CLASS BALLOT

Class Gossip

Kate Boggis & Mike Smith

Friendliest

Maria Cardaropoli & Steve Fazio

Class Flirt

Dave Steele & Sarah Moses

Most Likely To End Up In Hollywood

Jeff Bianchine & Asia Stewart

Best Dressed

Anna Cardaropoli & Mike Maruca

Best Friends

Ryan Scully & Chris Themistos

Class Couple

Jessica Metoxen & Tony Levesque

Most Likely To Be Confused
With A Freshman

Jay Burke & Melanie Ferris

Best Physique

Jim Goodwin & Gina Urbini

Most Ambitious

Bill Yorns & Jennie Hill

Class Scholar

Jay Burke & Sue Swords

Class Partier

Chris Conway & Maggie Campbell

Most Athletic

Matt Gour & Lindsay Sawyer

Class Musician

Laura Henry & Chris Themistos

CLASS BALLOT

Best Friends

Kerry O'Connor & Nicole Ciocca

Class Artist

Sam Chiusano & Tai Hammarlof

Class Clown

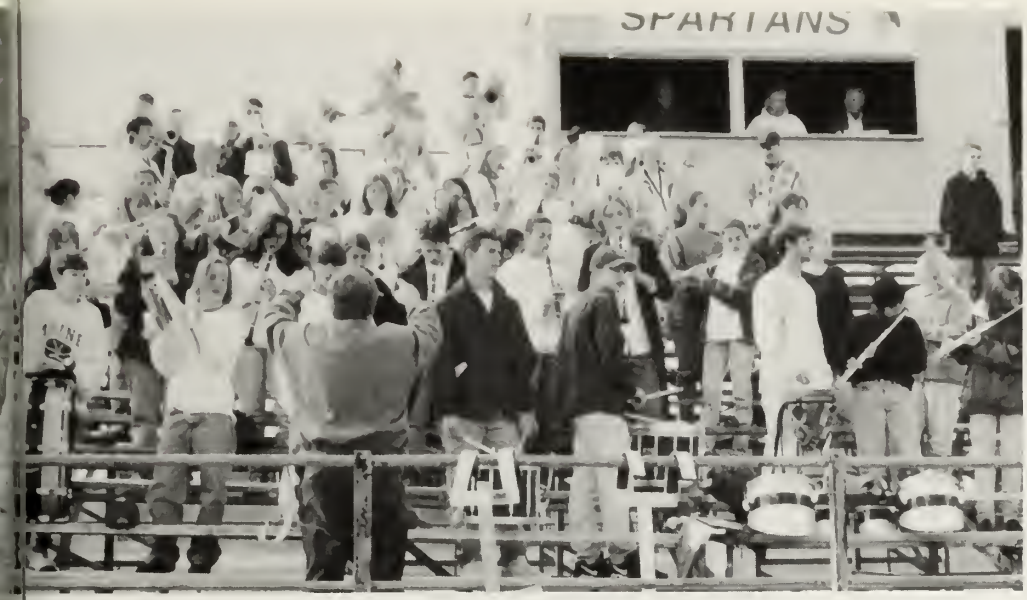
Katie Miller & Scott Monson

# BIENVENUE

TO STAND OUT IN THE RAIN
SO NO ONE SEES ME CRYING
TRYING TO WASH AWAY THIS PAIN
I FEEL LIKE I'M DYING J.B.J.

I didn't know it would be so painful to leave. I now understand my brother when he said I would never come back to France. Friendship is the greatest and strongest feeling we all have. My friends are my first priority. I can't believe I've got to take off. When I first came here, I couldn't understand a single word. I was scared. But little by little, I have learned to understand you, to like you, and to love you. You gave me so many memories. With some of you I have won the Western Mass title and laughed; with some of you I have lost the State title and cried. Semi-formals, dances, games, swim meets with all those girls in bathing suits, and parties made me so happy. To each of you, thank you so much. My house will always be open to you. Mrs. Burke, history and psychology were great. The only reason I switched was because I didn't want anybody but you to be my teacher. Even if I had no clue what psychology was about, I knew you would make it interesting. You are the best teacher I ever had. Thank you so much. I love ya and miss ya. Mr. McKinney, you are the funniest and most stubborn teacher ever. You kept mispronouncing my name but you finally got it. Congratulations! I'm going to miss English and Speech and of course I'm gonna miss you. To my host family, the Stones: having a new mother, a new father, and two sisters was weird but pretty cool. You gave your best to make me feel at home and you succeeded. Kindness is the word that describes you best. See you soon. To my family: my dream was to come to America, and you've made it real. I'll never forget it. Distance and absence made me aware of how much you mean to me. I love you all!

Now it's time to go . . .



"I guess you might as well take 'Football Hero' out of your flip-folders now . . ."

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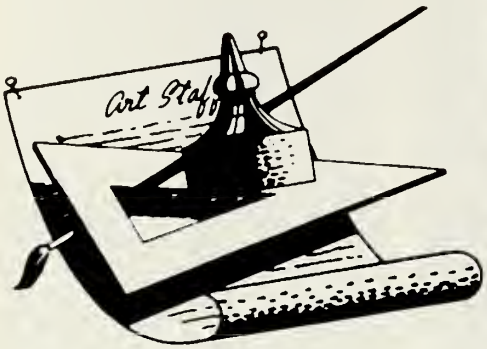
ND: Mr. Turner, Flutes - C. Cassidy, J. Alicandro, J. Rodriguez, A. Lunghi, K. Coughlin, K. Therien, K. Russin, S. Grigeley, A. Rohlfs, T. DelNegro, K. aria, E. Kienitz, M. Hohmann, K. Simmons, Clarinets - J. Hill, K. Esposito, P. Cargill, M. Biano, E. Wagner, M. Brochu, A. Corbett, L. Garlett, J. Briggs. phones - K. Lugwig, D. Steele, H. Ohlin, A. Stone, A. Kustwan, S. Extine, H. Disanti, S. Robinson. Trumpets - C. Themistos, J. Hardy-Martin, Z. Rohlfs, MacKechnie, J. Pelzek, B. Towsend, C. Ackerley, R. Allard, J. Duprey, D. Notarangelo, K. Rothweiler. Trombones, Low Brass - B. Tweffort, J. Goodchild, Maloni, R. Duffy, P. Costello, J. Bianchine. Percussion - G. Phaneuf, P. Roberts, D. Gelinas, M. Mascaro, D. Ennaco, R. D'Amario, N. Conz, J. Celetti, J. ssard.

This band has plenty of (under) class.

A Goodman is hard to find.



LITERARY MAGAZINE: Front (l-r) Erik Lewis, Mike Evitts, Nora Dillon, Michelle Croze, Lynn Simo
Chrissy Chimi. Top (l-r) Greg Phaneuf, Pam Cargill.

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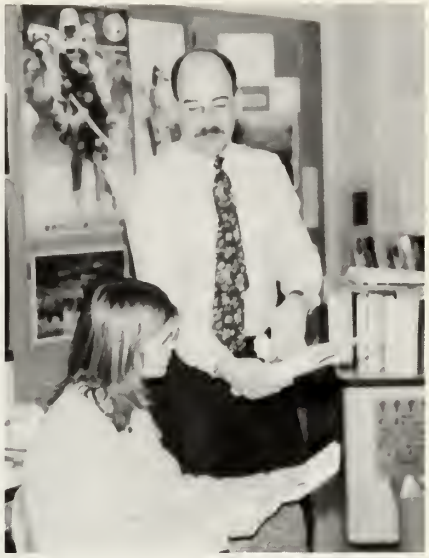
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CLUB: Front (l-r) Meghan Anderson, Michelle Croze, Pam Cargill, Jade Alicandro, Julie Moran. Top: Chrissy Chimi, Betsy O'Neill, Lynn Simonds, Sarah Tarczynski, Erik Reed, Chuck Lelas, Tom Lloyd.

SCIENCE TEAM: Front (l-r) Josh Goodchild, Marci Croze, Michelle Croze, Jade Alicandro, Chrissy Chimi. B
Mr. Carey, Pete Miller, Jason Dean, Bill Yorns, Julia Nelligan, Kristin Coughlin, Sarah Rae, Eric Johnson, L
Simonds, Mike Evitts.

OCK TRIAL: Front (l-r) Jay Burke, Brian Quinn, Erik Lewis, Phalan Bolden. Back (l-r) Mr. Maller, Mike Speight, Joe aggi, Jeff Bianchine, John Zilch, Dan Brasszrd, Krista Melien, Chris Themistos, Meghan Briggs.



"Look, it's right here: if the glove don't fit, you must acquit."

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H MEROOM REPS: Front (l-r) Brie Ryan, Lynn Borowiec, Meg Kubera, Santina Chiusano, Emily Bareiss. 2nd (l-r) Scott Monson, B n Tondera, Steve Fazio, Susan Black, Andrea Hubbard, Sam Jaskievic. Back (l-r) Mike Parker, Noah Berger, Tom Christensen, R n Scully.

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OFFICE AIDES: Top (l-r): M. Samay, E. Rugani, K. Hellyer, A. Bertrand, K. Simonds, K. Carabine, L. Kennedy, M. Disa, Coolidge, K. D'Ambrosio, C. Avezzie, A. Truoiolo, A. Pilon, L. Adams, K. Esposito, P. Cargill, J. Dunn, H. DiSanti, J. Earnsha A. Robbins, S. Cabot, J. DeAngelo. 2nd (l-r): L. Stewart, M. Dusza, V. Rindone, M. Anderson, R. Croken, N. Schloyer, L. Anderso E. Bareiss, A. Hubbard, J. Talbot. Front (l-r): B. Waite, T. Celetti, J. Parker, D. Bourbeau, J. Moran, J. Knihnicki, A. Lindwall, Hawn.

MODEL CONGRESS: Top (l-r): Jennie Hill, Matthew MacKechnie, Daniel Manley, Danielle Suchcicki, Mr. Carey. Front (l-r): Ry Scully, Meghan Anderson, Patrick Roberts.

"Friends, Spartans, Countrymen . . ."

". . . and a chicken patty in every pot!"

Front (l-r) Chrissy McKenna, Jennie Hill, Chris Themistos, Brienne Smith, Austin Rodriguez. 2nd (l-r) Kerry Doyle, Lari Scavotto, Katie Lelas, Shannon Leger, Kimi Wright, Hannah Ohlin. 3rd (l-r) Antonella Raschilla, Stephanie Normand, Ericka Booth, Karen Shaw, Brian Quinn, Ms. Meader. Back (l-r) Eric Wagner, Brendan Humphries, Chris Wood, Brian Houser, Noah Berger, Pat Tigue, Kayci Rothweiler.

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# STUDENT COUNCIL

It's not as lonely you'd think in my Batcave.

The Halloween dance was a wicked scream.

# NO SMOKING

C.O.P.E.: Front (l-r) Lindsay Fitzgibbon, Erin Waite, Andrea Waite, Candace Waite, Phalan Bolden, Kelly Grizbien, Meghan Pollac Laura Maloni. Back (l-r) Ms. Stankiewicz, Adam Overlock, Sarah Zundell, Nicole Levesque, Betsy O'Neill, Dave Ennaco, Jesse Marti Alfredo Porfilio, Korrine Esposito, Kim Morin, Lisa Maloni, Laura Jurkowski, Josh Briggs.

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DEBATE: Mr. Carey, Kris Young, Paul Schunk, Michelle Croze, Joe Fogarty, Danielle Sucheicki, Rob Gladden, Mik Evitts, Jessica Rae, Eric Johnson, Meghan Anderson, Jason Arasate.

No, no girls. That was really B-A-D. I'm F-E-D up and ing D-E-A-Fsharp!"

CHORUS: front (l-r): Andrea Lindwall, Lynn Avezzie, Trish Algozino. 2nd (l-r): Joy Girouard, Jessica Ryan, Amanda Potter, Laura Youmell, Sarah Harrison, Courtney Fitzgerald, Marci Croze, Jen Merritt, Heidi Hawn, Nicole Hersey, Mr. Stanley, Mike Glashow, Tiia Kienitz, Lisa Portier, Kelly Grzebien, Christina Rolfe, Ryanne Williams. 3rd (l-r): Melissa Busekist, Lisa Tiago, Ashley Campbell, Lindsay Fitzgibbon, Lindsay Knightly, Chris Wood, Joel Hawn, Joe Ballan, Tom Gormbly, Eric Snyder, Carl Barkson, Laura Henry, Leah Glashow, Lynn Simonds.

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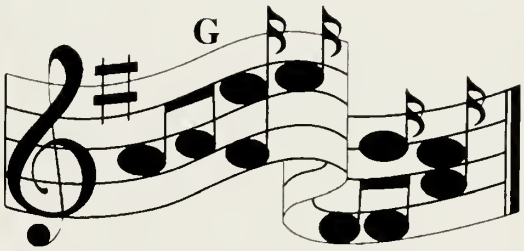


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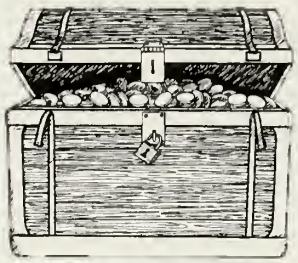
n a Joel man!" With the addition of many new members, the B's' Chorus was a huge success this year.

SELECT CHORUS: Heidi Hawn, Marci Croze, Jessica Ryan, Amanda Potter, Laura Henry, Nicole Hersey, Leah Glashow, Lynn Simonds.

# CLASS OFFICERS



Class of '98 Officers: Karen Sullivan, Kevin McGunnigle, Laura Maruca, Andy Mathison, Ericka Booth.

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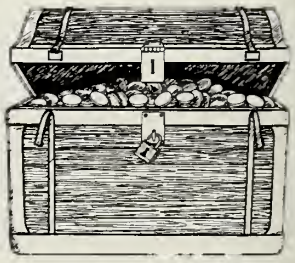
Class of '99 Officers: Carla Cardaropoli, Chris Wood Erik Reed, Julie Moran, Eliana Fiore.



Class of '00 Officers: Josl Briggs, Eric Wagner, Sea Willetts, Kim Allen.

MATH TEAM: Mr. Porowski, Andre Pilon, Jeff Hart, Meghan Anderson, Asha Chander, Mike Kimball, Andrew Lull.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Front (l-r) Jay Burke, Bill Yorns, Dan Brassard, Alyssa Lunghi, 2nd (l-r) Meghan Anderson, Nyssa Schloyer, Emily Bareiss, Kirsten Metzger, Lynn Avezzie, Melanie Ferris, Karen Sullivan. Back (l-r) Meghan Briggs, Jennie Hill, Michelle Croze, Erik Lewis, Megan Shaw, Pat Kearney, Krista Melien, Chris Themistos, Jeff Bianchine, Andrea Hubbard, Pete Gallagher, Mike Kimball, Laura Henry, Steve Tempkin, Dave Bednarz, Andy Mathison, Jeff Atwater, Andre Pilon.

NHS OFFICERS: Bill Yorns (Member-at-Large), Jay Burke (Secretary), Alyssa Lunghi (Treasurer), Susan Swords (President), Dan Brassard (Vice-President).

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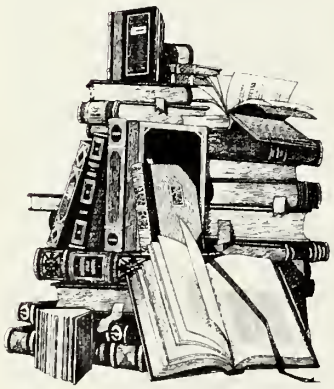
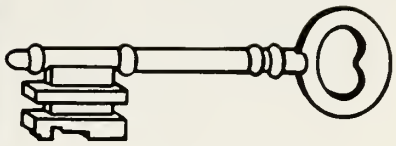
AS SCHOOLS MATCH WITS: Jay Burke, Jeff Bianchine, Sue Swords, Andre Pilon, (Not pictured: Danielle Suchcicki, Chris Themistos.)



From small time to prime time - The ASMW crew steals a moment in the spotlight.



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## JAZZ BAND

Four years of jazz band - a bugler's dream.

The joy of sax? Dave, Kurt, and Eric show us some instrumental magic.

Six people who know their brass from their oboe.

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Front (l-r): Dan "Rather Manley", Nora Dillon, John Zilch, Bill Yorns, Krista Melien, Jay Burke, Jeff Bianchine, Mike Kimball. Middle (l-r): Nyssa Schloyer, Nick Petitgirard, Chrissy Chimi, Mike Evitts, Jade Alicandro, Eliana Fiore, Andy Mathison, Chris Themistos, Kris Young, Mr. Bail. Top (l-r): Jon Pieciul, David Bianchine, Pat Kearney, Brendan Burke, Noah Berger, Chris Spring, Erik Lewis, Ryan Scully, Chris Wood.

Grumpy young men? Late-night deadlines occasionally push an editor and his tackle box over the edge.

Inheritors of the Fourth Estate! Mr. Bail and the S.S. staff are custodians of a ri tradition at ELHS.

## Hey Mike!

All dressed up for nursery school-and we thought that was a "big day!" ... Little did we know that the real "big day" would come 15 years later, and not without a lot of hard work and frustration ... You made it Mike, and we are so proud of you. You have never given in to taking the easy way and we wish you much success in your future endeavors. Your perseverance and high goals have paid off and will take you anywhere you want to go in life.
We wish you happiness and contentment always and want you to know how proud we are of you and your accomplishments.

On to bigger things—-
Love,
Dad, Mom, Tim, and Hayley

*Steve,*
*We are proud of you and your accomplishments in school and in wrestling. We wish you the best of luck in whatever the future brings you.*

*Love,*
*Mom & Dad*

*Tommy,*
*Congratulations!*
*We're so proud of you.*
*Love,*
*Mom, Dad, & Dan*

*Good Luck*
*Jennie Bett!*

# GO NAVY!

## BEAT ARMY

***Congratulations Ryan!***

*We wish you success, good health, and happiness. You have worked hard and we are proud of you!*

*Love,*
*Mom, Dad, Kyle,*
*and Lee*

*first day over ... 2,339 more to go ...*

***Congratulations Beth!***

*with love, Dad, Mom, and Nate*

**Congratulations Jess!**

We are so very proud of you. We know you'll do well in college, too.

Much Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jason

*Sammy Joe*
Yesterday-we brought home our beautiful baby girl.
Today-you've grown into a beautiful young woman.
Yesterday-our hearts ached as you waved from the "goodbye" window.
Today-our hearts soar with pride for the wonderful person you've become.
Yesterday-we love you.
Today-we love you more.

*CONGRATULATIONS!*
Love,
Mom, Poppy, and Adam (& Rudy, too!)

Dearest Queen B-

You'll always be our perfect one! May your life be like a continuous sunny day at the beach with a Dairy Queen around your nearest corner. May you maintain friends as special as "Merry", "Barbie", "Ahkoo", "Bumpie", "Chrissy", and "Noah." Remember to always be strong, give back part of what you take from life, and that moms know everything. Congratulations on who you are and what you've accomplished.

Love eternally, Mom, Dad, & Billy

To my son Ryan Scully
From your mother Maureen:

*The years have gone by much too quickly. However, you have grown up to be the kind of person that anyone would be proud to call their son. I wish you happiness and success in all that you may do. I am so glad that you are my son.*

Love, Mom

***Dear Nicole,***
***"May good fortunes be with you now, in every step you take. Be courageous and be brave, and in our hearts you'll always stay forever young."***

***Love always,***
***Mom, Dad, and Chris***

**Santina,**

**It's hard to put into just a few lines, what you mean to this family. We know in our hearts that we were blessed with a wonderful and beautiful daughter. They don't get any better than you and we will always be there for you, no matter what. We wish you success in everything you do, but most of all we wish you happiness.**

**We love you Sammy Girl,**
**Mom, Dad, and Anthony**

Vinnie,

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Keep your great sense of humor; stay the fine person you are, and follow your dreams. You are a terrific son and brother and we wish you much happiness and success.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mary
& Ellen

*Eric,*

*We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are a great son and brother. Congratulations! We wish you all the success the future holds.*

*Love,*
*Mom, Dad, Christine*
*& Jessie*

David, this is your time to celebrate and enjoy ... to feel good about yourself and look forward to new adventures ... It means a lot to share in your excitement, because you're so special and loved so very much. We are very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Diane, & Dawn

## Matthew J.,

**Your future is bright and exciting because of your hard work. We are incredibly proud of you and all your accomplishments.**

**All our love,**

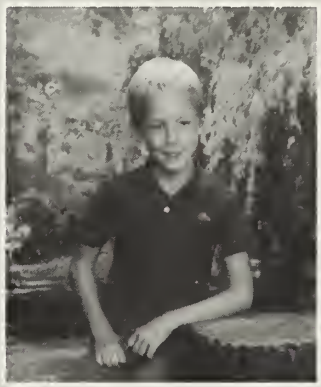
**Mom, Dad, Caitlin, & Laura**

*Stephen-*

*Congratulations! We are so very proud of you. We wish you good luck and success in whatever you do and wherever you go, and happiness always.*

Love,

*Dad, Mom, Jamie, and Paige*



Peter Miller:

We love you and we are very proud of you. You have what it takes to succeed in life. Always remember Proberbs 3:5 & 6.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Rebecca, & Jon

## Beth,

Be the best at whatever you do.
Your family is behind you all the way.

**Love,**

**Mom, Dad, DJ, and Steven**

***Dre,***

***Yesterday is already a dream,***
***and tomorrow is only a vision,***
***But today, well lived, makes every***
***yesterday a dream of happiness,***
***and every tomorrow, a vision of LOVE.***

*We are so proud of you and love you so much.*

***NEVER STOP DREAMING!***

***Love, Dad, Mom, Alan, & Tanner***

# *Congratulations Joe Fogarty!*

*Great things lie ahead!*

*Mom, Dad, Steve, Jim, Dan, Grandma*

Dear Sarah,

You are a beautiful, kind, thoughtful, and caring young woman. We've enjoyed watching you grow every minute. We couldn't be prouder of you. As for your future-the sky's the limit. Shoot for the stars and they will be yours.
love,
Mom, Dad, & Jason

*Melissa,*
*We are very proud of you, and are confident you will succeed in life. You are a very special daughter and sister. Always keep smiling, follow your heart, and reach for the stars. We love you.*
*All our love,*
*Mom, Dad, and April*

*Dear Chrissy-*

*Wishing the absolute best of everything life has to offer to a wonderful daughter, sister, and person-who always did her absolute best to bring happiness and pride into our lives. Thank you for everything!*

*Love always,*
*Mom, Dad, & Mike*

**Martha,**
**Congratulations on your big day! You've made me happier and prouder than I've ever dreamed. Don't forget even in college you'll always be my D.**
**I love you,**
**Mom**

# Congratulations Roni!

## You've come a long way and we're very proud of you.

**Love,**

**Mom, Dad, Carrie, Andrea, Jennifer, and Silvana**

Dear Krista,

May the sunshine you have brought into our lives light your path always. Aim high and let your courage, resourcefulness, and wisdom guide you. You are much loved!

Your family,
Mom, Dad, and Kurt

*Vanessa,*

*Thank you for being the wonderful daughter/sister that you are. You have brought so much love and laughter into our lives. Never lose that smile Sweetie. We will always be so proud of you! Congratulations and God bless.*

*Love,*
*Mom, Dad, and Jessica*

**To our ADAM Lucien,**

**Confucius said "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." You have what it takes to be happy and successful-GO FOR IT!**

**We love you,**
**Mom & Dad**

**Katie,**

Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Here's your tip: Give to life, and life will give to you. Grow. Work hard. Be crazy. Count your blessings. Believe in yourself.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Steve, and Kevin.

## Stepping Stones

"I spy", mud pies,
big sister, fireflies,
Nature crafts,
catching bees,
Dad & Daughter
memories
Night lights, star
bright
"I wish I may
I wish I might"
Floutist, gymnast,
dramatist, whims
past
Dances, Field Days,
neon colors - just a
phase!
Goodbye bows ...
designer clothes!
lipstick, painted toes,
Girlfriends,
boyfriend,
broken heart on the
mend.
Football cheers,
midterm fears,

AP test, no rest.
College app.'s,
SAT's,
What to be?
Psychology!
Decision made
plan in place ...
time to leave
familiar space
Goodbye El High,
on your way
to reach the sky
Alyssa Joy,
catch a star,
and remain true
to the person you
are!

Love, Mom

*Congratulations to our favorite twins! We are so proud of you. You both have worked so hard during these past four years. We love you and wish you much happiness as your future continues.*

*Love, Dad, Mom, Antoinette, and Carla*

*Dear Meg,*

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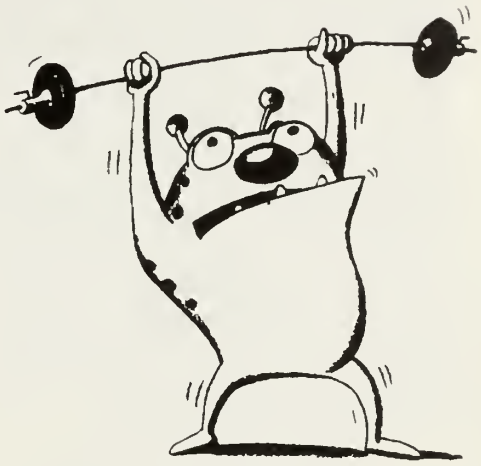

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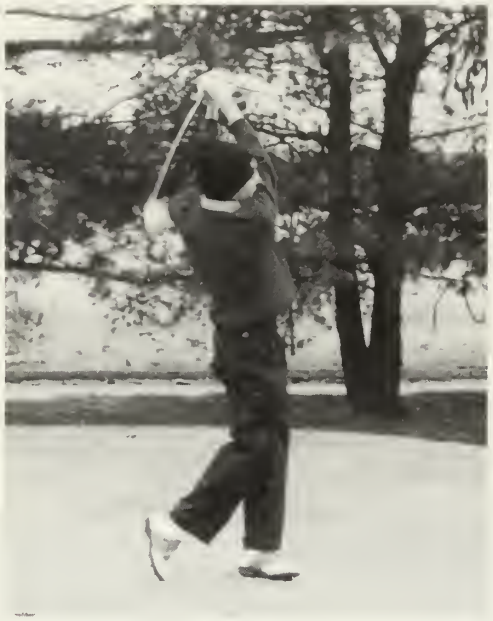

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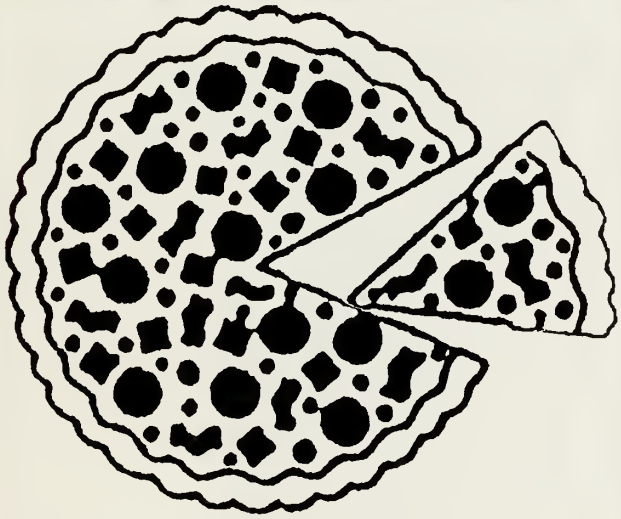

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The winter of our discontent - The editors attempt a social life between summers.

Strength in numbers? AEGIS is our life between summers.

# Editors

The Aegis is finally finished, and so ends our life between summers. The last of a long series of late nights and work-filled weekends drew to a close around two in the morning as three editors, a dedicated staffer, our ever-faithful advisor, and a traitor from the Spartan Spectator put the final touches on your yearbook. (We would like to thank both the Bergerons and the Swords for the use of their homes.) Did it come as a surprise to us that Aegis '97 would be completed in such a fashion? Not really. The only constant in our staff this year was that we were continually surprised by either the amount of people who we counted on and let us down or by the number of staffers that came through at crunchtime. After losing the talents of Cori Cassidy to the workforce, we gained some support in unexpected places.

The most loyal group of staffers included Michelle Bergeron, who never failed to provide enthusiasm when morale was at its lowest, Leah Glashow, whose captioning talents astounded us day after day, and Rich Craven, who joined midway through the year and still managed to distinguish himself. Laura "the Amazing Coke-Girl" Di Michele kept us smiling and also kept us nourished with her coathanger. Lewis argued with anyone who hadn't learned that they just can't win. Sophomores Margaret Ann, Andrea, and Jayme helped out while keeping the upperclassmen in check. Even a couple freshmen were numbered among the Aegis elite. (Thanks Eric and Hayley!) These people are the ones that really know what goes on in room 125. They are overworked, underpaid, and definitely underthanked.

1996-97 was a year of mixed emotions for the Aegis editors. We have felt the joy of a deadline being completed after months of hard work. We have felt pain as we saw some of the people we trusted most let us down. As we prepare to end another year, we realize that in this yearbook exists the complete story of our life between summers.

*Meghan Briggs*
*Jennie Hill*
*Susan Swords*

P.S. Thanks also to E.B. White and Robert Frost. Great poems, guys! Thanks for being there!!!

An attempt to escape this life between summers . . .

Only a few will endure this life between summers.

*Nature's first green is gold.*

*Her hardest hue to hold.*

*Her early leaf's a flower;*

***But only so an hour.***

*Then leaf subsides to leaf.*

*So Eden sank to grief,*

*So dawn goes down to day.*

*Nothing gold can stay.*

*The land may vary more;*
*But wherever the touch may be –*
*The water comes ashore.*
*And the people look at the sea.*